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The Environmental Notice

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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.



HDOT proposes to remove and replace the Waipilopilo Stream Bridge in Ko'olauloa, O'ahu.

photo from the [project's draft EA](#)

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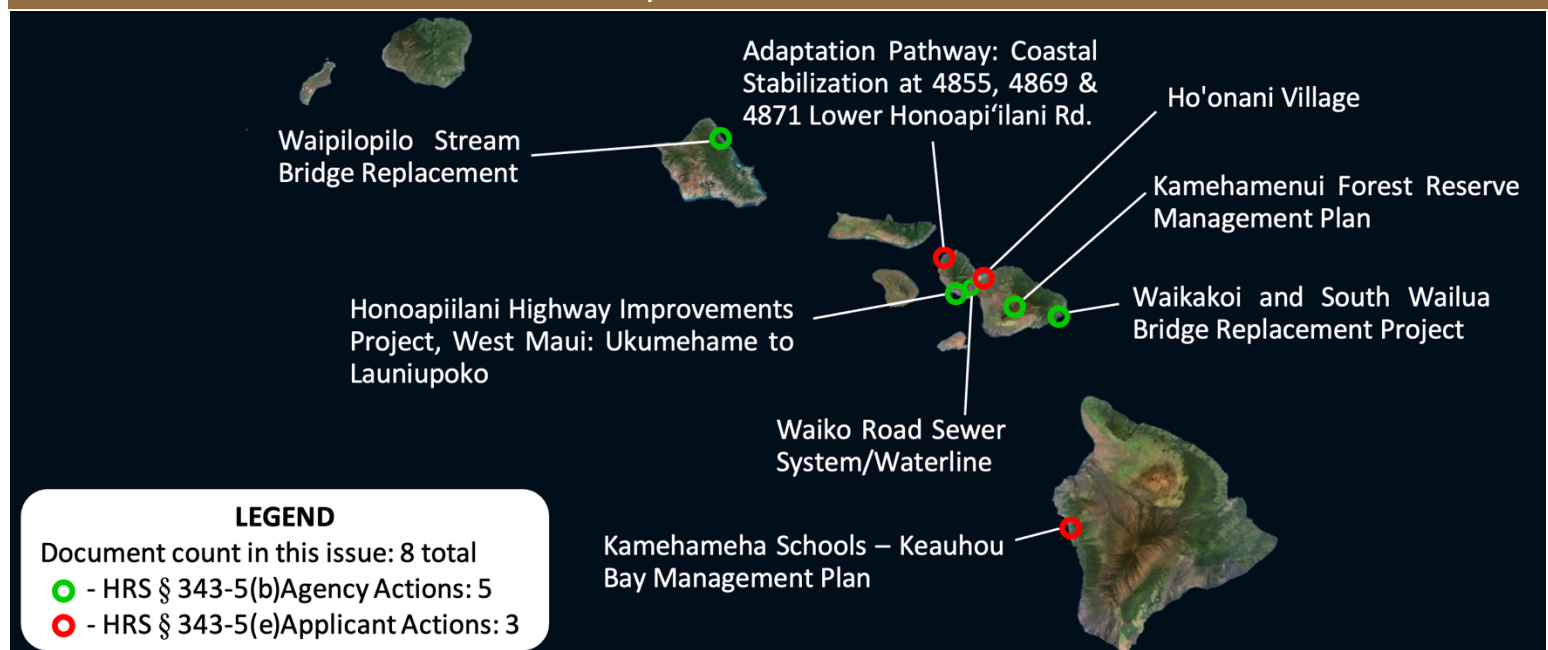
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is still seeking new members. To learn more about the work of the EAC, visit their [webpage](#). To apply to be on the EAC, submit this [online application](#) under Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism - Environmental Advisory Council.
- Please work toward ensuring that all submittals are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Our website has an [ADA accessibility page](#) with further information.

STATEWIDE MAP OF EA/EIS DOCUMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS



HAWAII EAS/EISS

Kamehameha Schools – Keauhou Bay Management Plan – (Acceptance of Final EIS)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(3) Propose any use within a shoreline area (4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register
District(s)	North Kona
TMK(s)	(3) 7-8-012:098; (3) 7-8-012:101; (3) 7-8-012:048; (3) 7-8-010:044; (3) 7-8-012:027; (3) 7-8-012:004; (3) 7-8-012:013; (3) 7-8-012:014; (3) 7-8-012:054; (3) 7-8-012:061; (3) 7-8-012:065; (3) 7-8-012:007; (3) 7-8-010:049; (3) 7-8-012:103
Permit(s)	Various Site, Grading, Building and Infrastructure Approvals; Special Management Area Use Permit (Major); Shoreline Setback Variance
Approving Agency / Accepting Authority	County of Hawai'i, PLANNING DEPARTMENT Alex Roy, (808) 961-8140, planning@hawaiicounty.gov 101 PAUAHI STREET, SUITE 3, Hilo, HI 96720
Applicant	Kamehameha Schools; 567 S King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 Marissa Harman, (808) 982-0830, Keauhoubay@ksbe.edu
Consultant	G70; 111 S. King Street, Ste. 170, Honolulu, HI 96813 Kawika McKeague, (808) 523-5866, Keauhoubay@g70.design
Status	The FEIS has been accepted by the Accepting Authority.

Kamehameha Schools proposes to implement the Keauhou Bay Management Plan (KBMP) on approximately 29 acres at Keauhou Bay. The objective of the KBMP is to reinvigorate and transform the Keauhou Bay area to become a place where culture and education is celebrated and highlighted amidst viable commercial operations, which are essential to fund the cultural and educational programming within the immediate area. The KBMP proposes to reorient commercial activities away from culturally sensitive areas to alleviate congestion and establish a new place-based cultural educational center. Existing commercial operations and parking areas will be relocated to new facilities in more appropriate locations away from cultural resources. The KBMP also proposes to create a new low-impact lodging on the resort-zoned plateau mauka of the bay. The new reconfiguration will focus on place-based cultural stewardship, enhance and encourage bayfront access for kama'āina and kupa'āina, and promote high quality educational experiences for all.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the County of Hawai'i, PLANNING DEPARTMENT planner, Alex J. Roy, at alex.roy@hawaiicounty.gov.

MAUI EAs/EISS

Adaptation Pathway: Coastal Stabilization at 4855, 4869 & 4871 Lower Honoapi'ilani Rd. – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(3) Propose any use within a shoreline area
District(s)	Lahaina
TMK(s)	(2) 4-3-015:002; (2) 4-3-015:003, and (2) 4-3-015:052
Permit(s)	Grading and Grubbing Permit approval from the Department of Public Works (DPW).
Approving Agency	County of Maui, Planning Department James Buika, (808) 270-6271, james.buika@co.maui.hi.us One Main Plaza, 2200 Main St, Suite 315, Wailuku, HI 96793
Applicant	Walter F Hester, III; Janice Barto; Warner Lusardi; 4869 Lower Honoapi'ilani Road, Lahaina, HI 96761 Eric Barto, (808) 283-3452, ekbarto@gmail.com
Consultant	G70; 111 S. King St., Suite 170, HONOLULU, HI 96813 Jeffrey Overton, (808) 523-5866, keonenuibay@g70.design
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by October 23, 2025. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to keonenuibay@g70.design .

The objectives of the project are protection of the public in the nearshore waters below the bluff from catastrophic failure, protection of the nearshore water quality, and protection of the subject properties and furthermore protection of the County's Lower Honoapi'ilani Road from eventual erosion failure. The project consists of excavation of the bluff in the mauka direction, followed by the stabilization of the bluff through the application of the shotcrete reinforcing materials and the anchoring of this material to the new face of the bluff. Existing properties have faced increased coastal erosion and episodic avulsion and mass wasting of the coastal bluff, which has adversely affected these properties and threatened each of these homes over the past several years. Geotextile sandbags have previously been installed along the Hester and Barto shoreline as a temporary measure to slow erosion. However, coastal erosion has persisted, posing increased threats to public shoreline access, properties, and homes.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Walter F Hester, III; Janice Barto; Warner Lusardi consultant, Jeffrey Seastrom, at keonenuibay@g70.design.

Ho'onani Village – (Withdrawal of EIS Preparation Notice)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds (9)(A) Propose any wastewater treatment unit, except an individual wastewater system or a wastewater treatment unit serving fewer than fifty single-family dwellings or the equivalent
District(s)	Wailuku
TMK(s)	(2)-3-8-006:004
Permit(s)	None
Approving Agency / Accepting Authority	County of Maui, Planning Department Kate Blystone, (808) 270-7735, planning@mauicounty.gov 2200 Main Street, Suite 315, Wailuku, HI 96793
Applicant	Ho'onani Development LLC; 21 Hansen Road, Kahului, HI 96732 Greg Sado, (808) 873-3883, greg@alphahawaii.com
Consultant	Pioneer Design Group - Hawaii, LLC; 711 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1450, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Tyler Christian Campbell, (808) 400-5959, tccampbell@pdg-hawaii.com
Status	The Agency is withdrawing the EISPN published on March 8, 2025 .

The withdrawal of the Ho'onani Village EISPN that was submitted in February 2025. This submittal includes the official letter from the County of Maui's planning department to withdraw the EISPN. The withdrawal is due to a change in the official accepting authority of the EIS from the County of Maui's planning department to the State Land Use Commission. An EISPN will be submitted at a later time to restart the process with the SLUC as the accepting authority.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the Ho'onani Development LLC consultant, Tyler Christian Campbell, at tccampbell@pdg-hawaii.com.

MAUI EAs/EISs (CONTINUED)

Honoapiilani Highway Improvements Project, West Maui: Ukumehame to Launiupoko – Final EIS Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3, Vol 4, & Vol 5

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(1) Propose the use of state or county lands or the use of state or county funds (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district (3) Propose any use within a shoreline area (4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register
District(s)	Lāna'i
TMK(s)	Portions of TMK Plats (2) 4-7-001, 4-8-001, 002, 003, 004, and Honoapi'ilani Highway Rights-of-Way
Permit(s)	Numerous – see EIS
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Highways Division Ken Tatsuguchi, (808) 566-2228, ken.tatsuguchi@hawaii.gov 869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5097
Accepting Authority	State of Hawaii, Office of the Governor Josh Green, (808) 566-2228, https://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/contact-the-governor/ 415 South Beretania Street, State Capitol, Executive Chambers, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Consultant	WSP USA Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2400, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Matthew Small, (808) 566-2228, matthew.small@wsp.com
Status	Final EIS has been submitted and is pending acceptance by the accepting authority

Honoapi'ilani Highway (State Route 30) provides the main access between communities along the west coast of Maui and the rest of the island and is subject to periodic flooding and coastal erosion. The primary purpose of this project is to provide a reliable transportation facility in West Maui by reducing the highway's vulnerability to coastal hazards. Specifically, the project proposes to relocate about 6 miles of the highway away from the coastline from approximately milepost 11, in the vicinity of Pāpalaua Wayside Park to Launiupoko, at milepost 17, the existing southern terminus of Lāhainā Bypass.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, Highways Division consultant, Matthew Small, at matthew.small@wsp.com.

Kamehamehame Forest Reserve Management Plan – 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 (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district
District(s)	Makawao
TMK(s)	(2) 2-3-005:002; (2) 2-3-005:014
Permit(s)	Board of Natural Resources approval, HRS Chapter 6E-8 review
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources Scott Fretz, (808) 984-8100, scott.fretz@hawaii.gov 685 Haleakala Hwy, Kahului, HI 96732
Consultant	H. T. Harvey & Associates Ecological Consultants; P.O. Box 2143, 91-760 Papipi Road, Ewa Beach, HI 96706-9998 Shahin Ansari, (808) 441-2082, reserveplanning@harveyecology.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by October 23, 2025. Please click on title link above to read the document, then submit comments at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Ue6DHc5P8i .

The Proposed Action is implementation of the Kamehamehame Forest Reserve (the Reserve) Management Plan. To enhance watershed functions and protect natural and cultural resources Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) proposes to take a balanced and phased approach to systematically remove ungulates and minimize soil erosion and compaction. Revegetation efforts will restore the native forest and provide suitable habitat for a suite of native plant and animal species. Unique subalpine habitats will be preserved through the mitigation of ongoing threats from invading non-native plants, predators, and feral ungulates. Proposed public use and limited recreational activities of hiking, biking, horseback riding, archery, and permit-based camping will be consistent with the natural and cultural resource values and remote backcountry character of the Reserve. Access to the Reserve is proposed at multiple locations. The Reserve will be closed at night and DOFAW staff will enforce compliance. Public safety measures to protect the community involve managing fire risk by managing fuel loads and strategically installing fuel breaks/firebreaks.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources consultant, Shahin Ansari, at sansari@harveyecology.com.

MAUI EAs/EISs (CONTINUED)

Waikakoi and South Wailua Bridge Replacement Project – 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 (2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district (4) Propose any use within any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawai'i Register
District(s)	Hāna
TMK(s)	Hāna Highway right-of-way; (2) 1-5-009:009; (2) 1-5-009:010; (2) 1-5-009:011; (2) 1-5-009:012; (2) 1-5-008:001; (2) 1-5-008:002; (2) 1-5-008:004; (2) 1-5-010:008
Permit(s)	Numerous – see EA
Proposing/ Determining Agency	County of Maui, Department of Public Works Ty Takeno, (808) 270-7745, ty.takeno@co.maui.hi.us 200 S. High Street, Room 410, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Consultant	HDR, Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 400, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Noelle Besa Wright, (808) 697-6297, noelle.wright@hdrinc.com
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

The Proposed Action consists of replacing the existing structurally deficient Waikakoi and South Wailua Bridges along Hāna Highway on Maui with new bridges consistent with current design standards. Each bridge will accommodate a single-lane configuration and be designed to current structural and safety standards. The new Waikakoi Bridge is anticipated to span approximately 48.5 feet long and 18.0 feet wide, and the new South Wailua Bridge is anticipated to span approximately 60.0 feet long and 18.0 feet wide. The new bridges would be of a similar size, scale, location, and design to the existing structures. To accommodate traffic during construction, temporary bypass bridges would be installed makai of each bridge. The Proposed Action also includes improvements to grading, drainage, and roadway approaches at the bridge sites. The purpose of the Project is to address the structural deterioration and load capacity deficiencies of both bridges by replacing them with new structures that meet current design standards. The Project is needed to ensure that the bridges, and therefore the Hāna Highway, remain safe and functional for highway users.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the County of Maui, Department of Public Works consultant, Noelle Besa Wright, at noelle.wright@hdrinc.com.

Waiko Road Sewer System/Waterline 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
District(s)	Wailuku
TMK(s)	Numerous – see EA
Permit(s)	Chapter 6E-8 HRS, archaeology; Chapter 11-46 HRS, Community Noise control, as applicable; Chapter 11-60.1-33, Fugitive Dust, as applicable; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, as applicable; State and County Roadway Permits; Maui County Construction permits (i.e., building and grading permits)
Proposing/ Determining Agency	County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management Juan Rivera, (808) 270-8230, Juan.Rivera@co.maui.hi.us 200 South High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Consultant	Munekiyo Hiraga; 305 High Street, Suite 104, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 Adam Strubeck, (808) 983-1233, planning@munekiyohiraga.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by October 23, 2025. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to planning@munekiyohiraga.com .

The County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is proposing the construction of the Waiko Road Subdivision Sewer System improvements. The proposed project will include the construction of approximately 5,800 linear feet of gravity sewerline and service laterals to connect approximately 100 lots in the Waikapū area, and it will be located within the County of Maui owned roads: West Waiko Road, Wilikona Place, Kemoa Place, Keilio Place, Honua Place, Nuna Place, Kilohi Street, Old Waikapu Road and a portion of the State of Hawai'i owned Honoapi'ilani Highway. DEM also coordinated with the Department of Water Supply for proposed waterline replacement work in the vicinity of the project area to be done in conjunction with the subject sewer system improvements project. The proposed sewerline improvements will provide the homes with connections to the County wastewater system, while the waterline improvements will replace and improve the existing waterlines in the area as well as allow for the installation of fire hydrants in the area.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the County of Maui, Department of Environmental Management consultant, Adam Strubeck, at adam@munekiyohiraga.com.

O'AHU EAs/EISs

Waipilopilo Stream Bridge Replacement – 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)	Ko'olauloa
TMK(s)	Kamehameha Highway ROW
Permit(s)	Section 4(f) regarding the use of publicly owned parks, recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or public and private historical sites; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; Essential Fish Habitat; Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Federal Consistency Review; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; Section 401 of the CWA; Noise Permit Application; Noise Variance Application; Stream Channel Alteration Permit; Shoreline Certification; Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E Historic Preservation; City and County of Honolulu Grading, Grubbing, and Stockpiling Permit; Shoreline Setback Variance
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation Andrew Hirano, (808) 692-7546, andrew.j.hirano@hawaii.gov 601 Kamokila Boulevard Room 688, Suite 2400, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Consultant	WSP USA; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2400, Honolulu, HI 96813 Dennis Silva Jr, (808) 566-2274, Dennis.SilvaJr@wsp.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by October 23, 2025. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to Dennis.SilvaJr@wsp.com .

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) proposes the removal of the existing bridge superstructure, railings, and pedestrian walkway. The new single span bridge superstructure will consist of concrete girders and concrete surface.

The existing 12-inch and 16-inch waterlines will be relocated onto the bridge deck. The replacement bridge will have a span that is 56 feet in length and 49 feet wide. The bridge will accommodate two 11-foot travel lanes (one lane in each direction) with shoulders on both sides and a protected 6-foot walkway on the mauka side of the bridge. The bridge deck is being widened to accommodate wider shoulders and improve traffic safety, this widening will not increase capacity or add additional lanes. The new bridge abutments will consist of drilled shafts connected to a cast-in-place reinforced concrete cap beam. The concrete girders will be supported by the cap beams and the concrete surface will be placed on the girders forming the riding surface. No in-water work will be done.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact the State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation consultant, Ethan Lau, at ethan.lau@wsp.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 OCTOBER 7, 2025

MAUI

[Kaheawa Wind Power I Habitat Conservation Plan \(Draft HCP\)](#)

KAUAI

[Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative Habitat Conservation Plan – Draft EIS](#) and [Public Scoping Meeting Video](#)

COMMENTS DUE OCTOBER 22, 2025

KAUAI

[Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative Habitat Conservation Plan \(2nd Draft HCP\) Vol I](#) and [Appendices Vol II](#)

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEWS

The following federal actions are being reviewed for consistency with the enforceable policies of the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, including [the CZM objectives and policies in Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 205A](#). Federal consistency, pursuant to Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, generally requires that federal actions, within and outside of the coastal zone, which have reasonably foreseeable effects on any coastal use (land or water) or natural resource of the coastal zone be consistent with the enforceable policies of a state's federally approved coastal management program. Federal actions include federal agency activities, federal license or permit activities, and federal financial assistance activities. This public notice is being provided in accordance with § 306(d)(14) of the CZMA, and federal regulations at 15 CFR § 930.2, § 930.42, and § 930.61. General information about federal consistency is available at the [Hawai'i CZM Program website](#), or call (808) 587-2878.

For specific information or questions about an action listed below, contact the CZM staff person identified for each action. The CZM Program is required to adhere to federal review deadlines, therefore, comments must be received by the date specified. Comments may be submitted by mail or electronic mail, to the addresses below.

Mail: Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804

Email: Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Native Seaweed & Shellfish Growth Study in Hilo Bay

Proposed Action: Authorization of a federal permit to the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center to deploy a small research project for the study of growth and environmental conditions related to native seaweed and shellfish. The project will consist of two (2) vertical lines suspended with submerged buoys and anchored by cement blocks, like State approved mooring buoys. A horizontal line connecting the two buoys will have twelve to fifteen (12-15) cages affixed to it. Monitoring and data collection will occur with this multitrophic mariculture system. The project would be located in Hilo Bay, inside the breakwall at a depth of approximately 30 feet. The total area of proposed use would be less than 80 square feet inside the Bay.

Location: Hilo Bay, Island of Hawaii

Applicant: University of Hawaii at Hilo

Federal Action: Federal Permit

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

CZM Contact: Debra Mendes, Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: October 8, 2025

Microgrid at the State Department of Transportation Oahu District Office

Proposed Action: Authorization of federal financial assistance to the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) for the installation of a microgrid at the Oahu District office. The project would involve installing electric vehicle charging stations, photovoltaic panels mounted on new parking area canopies, and a Tesla Megapack battery energy storage system at HDOT's Oahu district office.

Location: 727 Kakoi Street, Honolulu, Island of Oahu

TMK: (1) 1-1-064:026

Applicant: Hawaii Department of Transportation

Federal Action: Federal Assistance

Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration

CZM Contact: Debra Mendes, Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov

Comments Due: October 8, 2025

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES (CONTINUED)

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMITS

The SMA Minor permits below have been approved ([HRS § 205A-30](#)). 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)	Description (File No.)	Applicant/Agent
Kaua'i: Keālia (4-7-007:026 and 027 CPR Unit 1)	Fire remediation plan-Install new fence, relocating boulders, and minor grading. (SMA(M)-2026-5)	NC World Holdings c/o The Keane Group LLC
Maui: Wailuku (3-2-010: 001)	Hawaiian Islands Land Trust improvements to existing farm dwelling (SM2 2025-00030)	Thorne Abbott
Maui: Lāhainā (4-6-028: 001)	Puamana Community Association former clubhouse depression backfill left from fire cleanup of clubhouse structure (SM2 2025-00037)	Dustin Apana
Maui: Lāhainā (4-3-006: 043)	Fischer New Dwelling - construction of a new dwelling, sixth of the property (SM2 2025-00039)	Van Fischer
Maui: Pā'ia (2-5-005: 063)	Pā'ia Post Office Subdivision. Required subdivision improvements, and construction of retaining wall (SM2 2025-00040)	Kirk Tanaka
Maui: Lāna'i (4-9-002: 001)	Nānāhoa Trail Restoration and Signage. Restore and install new wayfinding, interpretive, and danger warning signage and benches for respite (SM7 2025-00002)	Keiki Pua Dancil, Pūlama Lāna'i

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	TMK	Applicant	Owner
OA-2157	57-145 & 57-275 Kamehameha Highway	96731	(1) 5-7-006:029 (1) 5-7-001:044	Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc.	North Shore Bay TRS Development, LLC
OA-2158	82-120 Farrington Highway	96792	(1) 8-2-001:002 & 022	Ryan M. Suzuki	State of Hawaii Division of State Parks
OA-2159	4895 Kalaniana'ole Highway	96821	(1) 3-5-058:001	Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc.	Robert P. Riggs Trust
OA-2160	4679 & 4679-B Kahala Avenue	96816	(1) 3-5-005:002 & 003	Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc.	HHLH, LLC & Yamazaki Mazak Nederland, B.V.
MA-853	45 Kai Ala Drive	96761	(2) 4-4-006:011	AOAO Hale Kaanapali dba Maui Kaanapali Villas	AOAO Hale Kaanapali dba Maui Kaanapali Villas
MA-854	Lower Honoapiilani Road	96761	(2) 4-3-015:ROAD	Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc.	County of Maui

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	TMK	Applicant	Owner
OA-2133	Proposed	44-004 Aina Moi Place	96744	(1) 4-4-021:034	Leaps & Boundaries, Inc.	Robert & Cynthia Merriman

SMALL SCALE BEACH NOURISHMENT (SSBN) APPLICATIONS

Niulani Beach Nourishment

File No.	SSBN KA-25-03
Action	Application for Category II Small Scale Beach Nourishment
Island	Kaua'i
District(s)	Kapa'a
TMK(s)	(4) 4-3-009:026, (4) 4-3-009:027, (4) 4-3-009:028, (4) 4-3-009:003, and (4) 4-3-009:002 (seaward)
Permit(s)	OCCL Small Scale Beach Nourishment Permit
Applicant	Niulani Road Hui Bal Family Trust 968 Niulani Road Kapa'a, HI 96746
Approving Agency	State Department of Land and Natural Resources Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 131 Honolulu, HI 96813 Michael Cain, Administrator, (808) 587-0377 Point of Contact: Amy Wirts, (808) 587-0376; amy.e.wirts@hawaii.gov
Consultant	Catherine Hanna Oceanit Center 828 Fort Street Mall, Suite 600 Honolulu, HI 96813 Email: channa@oceanit.com Office: 808.531.3017 ext 174
Status	Please submit comments prior to the October 23, 2025 deadline to the Approving Agency.

The Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) staff has received a Small-Scale Beach Nourishment (SSBN) application for the beach fronting 938, 946, 950, 960 and 968 Niulani Road in Kapa'a, Kaua'i and has assigned the file number SSBN KA-25-03 to this project. According to the applicant's information, they are proposing to place up to 10,000 cubic yards of beach-quality sand on the shoreline as part of a beach nourishment project located seaward of the subject properties over a 15-year period. The project would utilize sand dredged from the Waipouli drainage canal. The application also proposes to build three short groin structures on state submerged lands seaward of the private properties.

If you are experiencing any ADA compliance issues with the above project, please contact DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands faculty, Amy Wirts, at amy.e.wirts@hawaii.gov.

EXEMPTION LIST REVIEW

The following agency exemption list, which serves as guidance for the agency in making exemptions, has been submitted to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) for review and concurrence. At the request of the EAC, this draft exemption list is being published for public review and comment. Please click on the following link to view the list and submit any comments by **October 8, 2025** to dbedt.opsd.erp@hawaii.gov.

[State of Hawai'i, Agribusiness Development Corporation](#)

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 www.federalregister.gov.

Rule: [Hawaii: Amendment to Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codifications, and Incorporation by Reference](#) (published by the Environmental Protection Agency on 09/18/2025)

On March 7, 2022, the State of Hawaii (Hawaii or State) received final approval, from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), of revisions to its Underground Storage Tank Program (UST Program) under subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Pursuant to RCRA, the EPA is taking direct final action, subject to public comment, to amend its final approval of the UST Program. The amendment clarifies the statutory provisions that are part of the approved UST Program and identifies some additional statutory provisions that are broader in scope and not part of the approved UST Program. This action also codifies the EPA's approval of Hawaii's revised UST Program and incorporates by reference those provisions of the State statutes and regulations that the EPA has determined meet the requirements for approval. This rule is effective November 17, 2025, unless the EPA receives adverse comment by October 20, 2025. If the EPA receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register informing the public that the rule will not take effect. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of November 17, 2025. Please click on the title link above for more information.

Proposed Rule: [Hawaii: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference](#) (published by the Environmental Protection Agency on 09/18/2025)

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Notice: [Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews for 122 Species in Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington](#) (published by the Fish and Wildlife Service on 09/11/2025)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is initiating 5-year status reviews for 122 species in Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, they are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last reviews. To ensure consideration in our reviews, they are requesting the submission of new information no later than November 10, 2025. However, they will continue to accept new information about any species at any time. For more information, please click on the title link above.

Notice: [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee Notice of Public Meeting](#) (published by the National Park Service on 09/11/2025)

The National Park Service is hereby giving notice that the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Committee) will hold a virtual meeting as indicated below. **The Committee will meet via video conference on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. (Eastern).** All meetings are open to the public. 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 [HRS 343-2](#).

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 OPSP called an EIS Preparation Notice (EISP) along with the supporting Final EA. After the notice of the FEA-EISP 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 EISP 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, EISP) 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 EISP must be incorporated into the subsequent Draft EIS and oral comments from the public scoping meeting must be recorded and submitted to OPSP with the Draft EIS.

HEPA

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 discretionary 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 EISP, 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

Photo by [Thomas Hawk](#)**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, OPSP 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 coastline 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 shoreline certification applicants and final certifications or rejections.

Environmental Advisory Council

The [Environmental Advisory Council](#) is a 15-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. They serve as a liaison between the Director of OPSP 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).