



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.



DOE is proposing upgrades and improvements for Ka'a'awa Elementary School.

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

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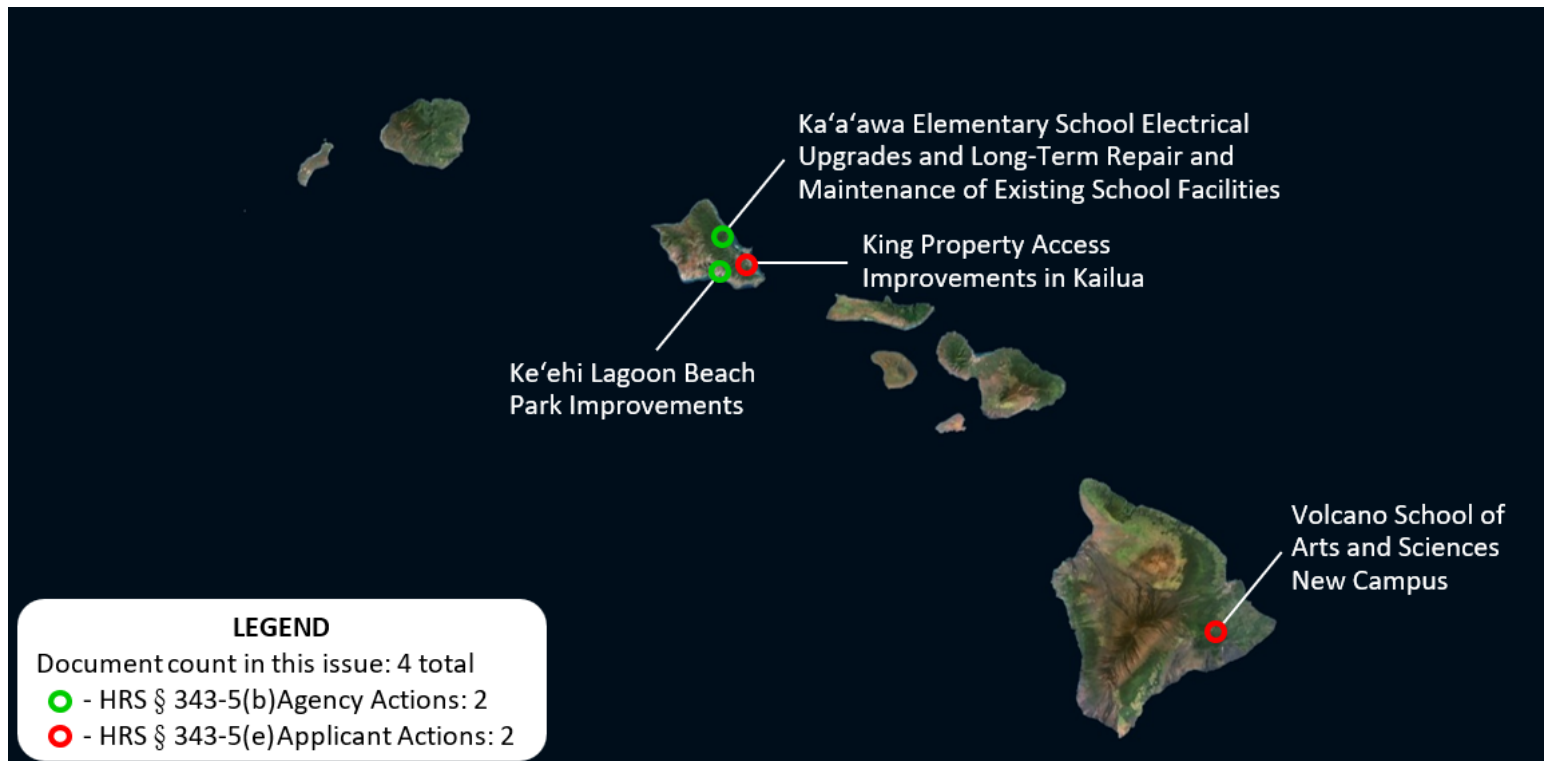
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Documents submitted must not fail the Adobe Accessibility Checker to be eligible for publication (we currently check all 32 of 32 options of the Adobe Accessibility Checker). Our website has an [accessibility page](#) with further information.

STATEWIDE MAP OF EA/EIS DOCUMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS



HAWAII EAS/EISS

Volcano School of Arts and Sciences (VSAS) New Campus – 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)	Puna
TMK(s)	(3) 1-1-004:010
Permit(s)	Special Permit, Plan Approval, Building Code/Structural Permits, Grubbing/Grading Permits, Electrical Review, Mechanical/Plumbing Review, Fire Review, Engineering Review, Wastewater System Approval, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP), Potential Noise Permit
Approving Agency	County of Hawai‘i, Planning Department Christian Kay, (808) 961-8136, christian.kay@hawaiicounty.gov 101 Pauahi Street Suite 3, Hilo, HI 96720
Applicant	The Volcano School of Arts and Sciences; 99-128 Old Volcano Road #845, Volcano, HI 96785 Kalima Kinney, (808) 985-9800, director@volcanoschool.net
Consultant	Pipan Consulting LLC; PO box 421, Honokaa, HI 96727 John Pipan; (808) 333-3391, john@pipanconsulting.com
Status	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination

VSAS proposes the development of a new 14.9-acre campus on Old Volcano Road between Nahahealani Street and Ali‘i Anela Street (TMK (3) 1-1-004:010). The project follows a four-phase construction timeline planned to be completed in 2032. Once complete, the campus will house Pre-K and 6th–12th grade, supporting 342 full-time students, 100 blended learning students, and 155 staff. Plans for the new campus include Middle School, High School, and Pre-K pod spaces; a central piko courtyard, an administrative building, cafeteria, labs, shops, assembly and performance amphitheater, commercial kitchen and outdoor courts.

O‘AHU EAS/EISS

Ka‘a‘awa Elementary School Electrical Upgrades and Long-Term Repair and Maintenance of Existing School Facilities – 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)	(1) 5-1-002:018
Permit(s)	Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit – Major; ROH Chapter 25 Compliance; Dust Control Plan; Noise Permit (if necessary); HRS Chapter 6E Historic Preservation Review; Grading, Grubbing, and Stockpiling Permits; Building Permit (electrical, plumbing, civil); Storm Water Quality Strategic Plan; Rules Relating to Water Quality and Storm Drainage Standards Compliance
Proposing/ Determining Agency	State of Hawai‘i, Department of Education Jadine Urasaki, (808) 784-5040, jadine.urasaki@k12.hi.us P.O. Box 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804
Consultant	PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 650, Honolulu, HI 96813 Greg Nakai, (808) 521-5631, gnakai@pbrhawaii.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by August 7, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to sysadmin@pbrhawaii.com .

The existing electrical lines at Ka‘a‘awa Elementary School are currently located above and below ground and at various locations located overhead. Due to the school’s proximity to the shoreline and exposure to salt spray, these electrical lines are corroding and in need of upgrades. The school overall needs an upgrade of their electrical distribution (overhead and underground) and electrical equipment. The proposed project involves replacing the distribution to underground where feasible and replacing most, if not all, of the interior and exterior electrical equipment.

In addition to the proposed electrical upgrades, this EA is intended to provide coverage for reasonably foreseeable future improvements to the campus. Future improvements covered under this EA are limited to in-kind replacement or minor upgrades within previously disturbed areas not exceeding 1,500 sf of disturbance. Such improvements may include infrastructure repairs and upgrades to building systems and utilities; ongoing campus maintenance activities necessary to ensure safe and efficient operations; and the replacement, modernization, or expansion of existing facilities such as classroom buildings, administrative offices, and support structures. While detailed plans for other infrastructure repairs, campus maintenance, and replacement facilities are not available, it is reasonable to expect that these may come up in the very near future.

O‘AHU EAS/EISS (CONTINUED)

Ke‘ehi Lagoon Beach Park 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)	Honolulu
TMK(s)	(1) 1-1-003:239
Permit(s)	ROH Chapter 25 Compliance; SMA Use Permit – Major; Grading Permit; Building Permit (electrical, plumbing, civil); Occupancy Permit; Site Development Master Application for Sewer Connection; Storm Drain Connection License (if necessary); Storm Water Quality Permit; Rules Relating to Water Quality and Storm Drainage Standards Compliance; Flood Certification; Board of Water Supply (BWS) Review and Approval; Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit (application submitted); Dust Control Plan; Noise Permit (if necessary); Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) Review and Approval; State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) HRS Section 6E Review; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Form 7460-1 (Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration)
Proposing/ Determining Agency	City and County of Honolulu, Department of Design and Construction Christine Choy, (808) 768-8483, DCCFD@honolulu.gov 650 South King Street, 9th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813
Consultant	PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc.; 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 650, Honolulu, HI 96813 Greg Nakai, (808) 521-5631, gnakai@pbrhawaii.com
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by August 7, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to sysadmin@pbrhawaii.com .

The proposed Ke‘ehi Lagoon Beach Park Improvements Project consists of three main elements: a) the reconstruction of the park’s Comfort Stations 1 and 2; b) the demolition of the existing Comfort Station 2; and c) the improvement of the existing onsite maintenance facility. The Project is not proposing to change the uses of the site beyond existing uses.

The reconstruction of the comfort stations is to replace the original Comfort Station 1 that had been demolished in 2025 due to fire damage, and to replace the existing Comfort Station 2 that has sustained substantial termite damage and is subject to flooding. The existing Comfort Station 2 will be kept in service until the construction of the replacement Comfort Station 2 is completed.

The existing maintenance facility is no longer sufficient to accommodate the equipment and employees to maintain 20 City & County of Honolulu parks in the area. Improvements to the existing maintenance facility site will include a replacement office with desks and lockers for the 15-20 workers that are deployed to the parks in the area for maintenance daily. Additional restrooms will be added as needed to better accommodate park employees. Improvements will also include the addition of secure storage for maintenance equipment.

King Property Access Improvements in Kailua – Draft EA (AFNSI)

HRS §343-5(a) Trigger	(2) Propose any use within any land classified as a conservation district
District(s)	Ko‘olaupoko
TMK(s)	TMK 4-3-002-001 and TMK 4-3-002-053
Permit(s)	SMA - Minor Permit, Conservation District Use Permit, Building Permit
Approving Agency	State of Hawai‘i, DLNR – OCCL Trevor Fitzpatrick, (808) 798-6660, trevor.j.fitzpatrick@hawaii.gov 1151 Punchbowl Street, Rm 131, Honolulu, HI 96813
Applicant	Landowner; 320 Poopoo Place, Kailua, HI 96734 Don King, (808) 286-4383, donking@hawaii.rr.com
Consultant	Banyan Consulting, LLC; 1351 Kainui Drive, Kailua, HI 96734
Status	Statutory 30-day public review and comment period starts. Comments are due by August 7, 2026. Please click on title link above to read the document, then send comments to banyan.butterbaugh@gmail.com .

The proposed action is to construct a new concrete driveway, turnaround area, and landscaping, portions of which would be located on the applicant’s residential and conservation properties. These improvements would replace the existing unpermitted gravel/concrete driveway and landscaping. The improvements would provide access to the rear portion of the applicant’s R-10 property and would bring the project into regulatory compliance. Additionally, the new concrete driveway would offer better access to the conservation parcel, which could aid emergency personnel, if needed.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

Status: The comment period for these projects began in a previous issue. 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 8, 2026

KAUA'I
[Kekaha Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Cell 3 Vertical Expansion – \(EIS Preparation Notice\)](#)

MAUI
[Lahaina Force Main No. 3 Replacement – Draft EA \(AFNSI\)](#)

LISTS OF EXEMPTION NOTICES

Pursuant to [HAR § 11-200.1-17](#), State and county agencies that have determined specific actions to be exempt from the requirement to prepare an EA are required to submit a listing of such exemptions made during the previous month. The following are Lists of Exemption Notices submitted by various agencies for **June 2026, unless noted otherwise**. Contact the identified agency contact on each list for additional information about any specific exemption or any ADA compliance issues:

State of Hawai'i
[Department of Land and Natural Resources](#)

County of Hawai'i
[Department of Public Works](#)

City and County of Honolulu
[Department of Planning and Permitting](#)

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT NOTICES

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: Waimea (1-6-006: 010)	Construction of a covered patio, carport and fencing (SMA(M)-2026-30)	Diana Burton
Kaua'i: Hanalei (5-5-006: 009)	Construction of fencing for feral swine management on agricultural lands (SMA(M)-2026-31)	East and West Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Kaua'i: Anahola (4-9-009: 012 CPR Units 7, 8, and 13)	Construction of fencing for feral swine management on agricultural lands (SMA(M)-2026-32)	East and West Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Kaua'i: Hanalei (5-3-006: 002)	Construction of fencing for feral swine management on agricultural lands (SMA(M)-2026-33)	East and West Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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, or on Oahu at 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 Barry Cheung at barry.w.cheung@hawaii.gov.

File No.	Location	ZIP Code	TMK	Applicant	Owner
KA-505	Kalihiwai	96754	(4) 5-3-003:040	Licas Breckenridge & Associates, Inc.	Mark Newcomer

SHORELINE NOTICES (CONTINUED)

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-2180	Proposed	85-601 Farrington Highway	96792	(1) 8-5-002:049	Ailana Surveying & Geomatics	City & County of Honolulu
OA-2187	Proposed	59-625 A Ke Iki Road	96712	(1) 5-9-003:062	Benjamin Guieb	Carol A Nakasone et al

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.

Notice: [Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act \(EPCRA\) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act \(CERCLA\) Continuous Release Reports](#) (published by the Environmental Protection Agency on 06/26/2026)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), “Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Continuous Release Reports” (EPA ICR Number 1445.16, OMB Control Number 2050-0086) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through April 30, 2027. This document allows for 60 days for public comments. Comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 2026.

Notice: [Public Meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee \(CASAC\)](#) (published by the Environmental Protection Agency on 07/02/2026)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Branch is announcing a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The purpose of the meeting is to receive a briefing from EPA on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) review process and upcoming review documents for ongoing NAAQS reviews. **The meeting will be held on July 22, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** Registration will be required to participate in the meeting. For specific details on participating in the meeting, 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 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.

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 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

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, 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 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 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).