

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

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**REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFIGANT
IMPACT (FONSI) FOR A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT KE'EHII SMALL
BOAT HARBOR, HONOLULU, OAHU, HAWAII**

PROJECT NEED:

The State DLNR, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) currently rents space on the third floor (Suite 300) in the Melim Building located in Downtown Honolulu at 333 Queen Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813. Parking for DOBOR employees working in the Melim Building is limited and very costly. Parking for visitors conducting business or attending meetings at the Administrative Office is limited to 8 parking meters on Richards Street and 30 minute parking stalls at the Post Office Parking lot.

The new Administrative Office will save DOBOR approximately \$170,000 per year in lease rent, provide more office space and parking for its employees and be more accessible for people conducting business or attending meetings at the Administrative Office.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is located in the Ke'ehi Small Boat Harbor at 4 Sand Island Access Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i. The proposed activity will take place on an unpaved parking area, which is approximately 15,000 S.F. or 0.344 Acres and an existing maintenance facility, which is approximately 3,000 S.F. or 0.068 Acres.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed improvements, includes a new 50' X 80' two-story building with an open deck and covered lanai; and an accessible ramp/walkway to the building; a new 24' X 36' single story building. Site improvements will include minor grading; installation of asphalt paving, utilities and chain-link fence along the perimeter of the parking area to address security requirements. Most of the existing 6' tall chain-link fencing will remain in place and be incorporated into the final site improvements. New 6' tall chain-link fencing will be connected to the existing fence along the Makai and Ewa ends of the project site. Approximately 20 parking stalls will be provided for DOBOR employees and visitors. Two of the parking stalls will comply with ADAAG. All outdoor lighting will be full cutoff fixtures to minimize impacts to nocturnal wildlife and light pollution.

PROJECT TIME FRAME AND COSTS:

Project costs are estimated at \$1,000,000 and the proposed project should not take more than 360 days to complete.

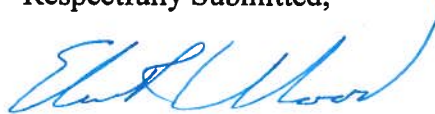
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FINDINGS:

In accordance with the provisions set forth in HRS, Chapter 343, and the significance criteria in HAR, Section 11-200-12 of Title 11, Chapter 200, it is anticipated that the proposed project will have no significant adverse impacts to water and air quality, existing utilities, noise levels, social welfare, archaeological sites, or wildlife habitat. All anticipated impacts are expected to be temporary in duration and will not adversely impact the environmental quality of the area. It is expected that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required, and that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for this project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Accept the Final Environmental Assessment for the new Administrative Office at Ke'ehi Small Boat Harbor, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.
2. Based on the review of the Final Environmental Assessment and that no comments were received during the 30-day period review period, find that the project will not have a significant effect on the environmental and cultural resources of the area and approve the issuance of a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed project.
3. Authorize the Chairperson to publish a FONSI for the proposed project in the Office of Environmental Quality Control's The Environmental Notice. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



William J. Aila, Jr.
Chairperson