

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE, APPROVE, EXECUTE, AMEND, AND EXTEND A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS) REGARDING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDING FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION ACTIVITIES ON BWS PRIORITY WATERSHED AREAS ON OAHU

BACKGROUND

The BWS seeks to support implementation of forest management and watershed protection projects through the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), and watershed partnership programs and projects on the island of Oahu to reduce the impacts of drought, invasive species, wildland fire, erosion and climate change in priority watershed areas. The BWS seeks to provide an annual appropriation to DOFAW, as funding allows, that will support forest management and watershed protection projects through DOFAW, and/or watershed partnership activities in BWS identified priority watershed areas.

This agreement would support the Department's "The Rain Follows the Forest" plan to replenish Hawaii's source of water.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

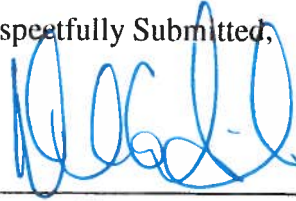
This action before the Board represents approval to enter into a memorandum of agreement and does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 343, HRS, relating to environmental impact statements. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife shall be responsible for compliance with Chapter 343, HRS, as amended for DOFAW program activities.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Authorize the Chairperson to negotiate, approve, execute, amend, and extend a

memorandum of agreement with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply regarding disbursement of funding for watershed protection activities on BWS priority watershed areas on Oahu, subject to review and approval by the Office of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,



ROGER H. IMOTO, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources