

STATE OF HAWAI'I  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of State Parks  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND AMEND CONTRACT(S) FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 119, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2015 TO THE 501(c)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, THE FRIENDS OF 'IOLANI PALACE ON THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS TMK: (1) 2-1-25:02 IN 'IOLANI PALACE STATE MONUMENT, O'AHU**

AND

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 343, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND**

During the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature authorized funds to The Friends of 'Iolani Palace, a non-profit organization, for a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) located on the Division of State Parks TMK: (1) 2-1-25:02 in 'Iolani Palace State Monument, O'ahu. General obligation bond funds for \$1,500,000 were appropriated by Act 119, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2015, for way-finding, general design and installation of a new exhibit in the lower level of the Palace as well as ongoing repair, restoration, and refinishing within the Palace complex, including 'Iolani Palace, 'Iolani Barracks (Hale Koa), Coronation Pavilion (Keli'iponi), and the Kana'ina Building (Old Archives).

**REMARKS**

This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). As the expending agency, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of State Parks must develop the contractual documents and specifications necessary to implement the CIP, including deliverable items, payment dates, and adherence to all applicable laws.

**CHAPTER 6E, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES – HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW**

In accordance with the requirements of §6E 7 and 8, HRS, and Chapter 275, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), all project components pursued under this grant will be submitted to the State Historic

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Preservation Division (SHPD) and Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for review and concurrence before the projects proceed. Project plans and specifications will be prepared by or in consultation with a qualified historic architect and will meet the appropriate Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. 'Iolani Palace and grounds were listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1962. In 1978, it was included as a contributing property to the Hawai'i Capitol Historic District when it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

CHAPTER 343, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, and Section 11-200-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), and the Exemption List for the DLNR as approved by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015, for way-finding, general design and installation of a new exhibit in the lower level of the Palace as well as ongoing repair, restoration, and refinishing within the Palace complex is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to the exemption classes listed in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

- 1) Delegates authority to the Chairperson to sign, execute, and amend contract(s) for this CIP to The Friends of 'Iolani Palace subject to release of funds, the availability of funds, and approval by the Department of the Attorney General;

and

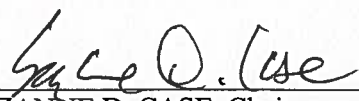
- 2) Declares after considering the potential effects of the proposed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this CIP will likely have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Respectfully Submitted,



CURT A. COTTRELL, Administrator  
Division of State Parks

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson  
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DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION

From the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Chapter 11-200, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR)

**Project Title:** Capital Improvements at 'Iolani Palace State Monument, Oahu

**Project Description:** During the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature authorized funds to The Friends of 'Iolani Palace, a non-profit organization, for a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) located on the Division of State Parks TMK: (1) 2-1-25:02 in 'Iolani Palace State Monument, O'ahu. General obligation bond funds for \$1,500,000 were appropriated by Act 119, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2015, for way-finding, general design and installation of a new exhibit in the lower level of the Palace as well as ongoing repair, restoration, and refinishing within the Palace complex, including 'Iolani Palace, 'Iolani Barracks (Hale Koa), Coronation Pavilion (Keli'iponi), and the Kana'ina Building (Old Archives).

**Consulted Parties:** A copy of the board submittal, including this attachment, in draft form was transmitted to the State Historic Preservation Division and the Department of Accounting and General Services for review and comment.

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I  
*Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.*

**Exempt Item Number:** 16  
**Exempt Item Description:** Repair and maintenance of existing bollards, walls, gates, fences, lighting, and other similar items necessary for the security or continued operation of a facility or structure.

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I  
*Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.*

**Exempt Item Number:** 20  
**Exempt Item Description:** Repairs necessary to maintain existing electrical, telemetry or communications systems and the structures that house or protect them.

Declaration of Exemption  
The Friends of Iolani Palace 119

**Exemption Class:** Department of Land and Natural Resources, Class I  
*Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.*

**Exempt Item Number:** 28

**Exempt Item Description:** Repair and maintenance of historic and archeological sites to maintain the integrity of historic structures, archeological features and sites.

**Date of Agency Exemption List:** June 5, 2015

*I have considered the potential effects of the above listed project as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR. I declare that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment under the above exempt classes.*

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SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

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Date