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ACCOMPLISHMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN STATE PLAN OR FUTURE PROGRAMS AND ACCOUNT OF ALL INCOME, EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE OF THE HAWAII HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008



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I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2007-2008 was a very difficult year for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) which lost much of its staff including the administrator, administrative assistant and all of the branch chiefs. The Department's Chair undertook the task of rebuilding the Division and worked with a transition team from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and, in the process, created a selection committee consisting of (ret.) Judge Patrick Yim of Queen Liliuokalani Trust, Dr. Ku Kahakalau, principal of a native Hawaiian cultural-based public charter school and member of the Hawaii Island Burial Council, and Timothy Johns, head of Bishop Museum and former Chair of the Department, to work with all SHPD stakeholders to identify the best characteristics for a new SHPD Administrator, recruit, interview, and make recommendations to the Department for the new (SHPD) Administrator.

The SHPD Administrator, Deputy Administrator and Architecture Branch Chief were subsequently hired in May. A Culture Branch Chief was hired in July, and an Administrative Assistant was eventually hired in November, completing the new management team.

SHPD has also been able to address backlogs in review by hiring more staff and bringing computer systems up to date. The new management team is also working hard to develop partnerships and repair relationships with the historic preservation community.

The National Park Service (NPS) agreed to provide a detail to help with federal compliance issues beginning in October. This position is funded by the NPS and the Army.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE STATE PLAN

The State Plan will be updated by September 2009. While many of the goals have been met by the Department, most of them were met prior to 2008.

III. FUTURE PROGRAMS

The Department looks forward to continuing to work with its preservation partners, increasing nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places, updating its data collection and reporting systems, and supporting more widespread support of historic preservation in Hawaii.

IV. THE HAWAII HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIAL FUND

The Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund (Fund) was established in Section 6E-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by way of Act 388, Session Laws of Hawaii 1989, to enhance and preserve elements of our past that should be integrated into our daily living.

A. Allowable Deposits into the Fund:

- (1) Appropriations by the Legislature to the special fund;
- (2) Gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and private persons;
- (3) All proceeds collected by the Department derived from historic preserve user fees, historic preserve leases or concession fees, fees charged to carry out the purposes of Chapter 6E, HRS, or the sale of goods; and
- (4) Civil, criminal, and administrative penalties, fines, and other charges collected under Chapter 6E, HRS, or any rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 6E, HRS.

All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the Fund shall become part of the Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Department; provided that the Department may contract with a public or private agency to provide the day-to-day management of the Fund.

B. Use of the Fund:

Subject to legislative authorization, the Department may expend moneys from the Fund:

- (1) For permanent and temporary staff positions;
- (2) To replenish goods;
- (3) To produce public information materials;
- (4) To provide financial assistance to public agencies and private agencies in accordance with Chapter 42F, HRS, involved in historic preservation activities other than those covered by Section 6E-9, HRS; and
- (5) To cover administrative and operational costs of the Department's Historic Preservation Program

The revenues were derived from user fees, professional fees, donations, interest income, merchandise sales, and penalties/restitutions. Moneys were expended to pay the salaries and benefits of the Kauai Archaeologist, an Architect, and special fund assessments (central services fees and administrative expenses) under Chapter 36, HRS. However, the Fund usually does not generate enough to fully cover the costs of these positions and the special fund assessments. As such, monies from the Fund have not been used for other purposes.

C. Fund Balance:

Appropriation Account Number: S-321-C

Beginning Cash Balance	(7/1/07)	\$ 0
Revenues		\$ 87,101
Expenditures		\$ 83,065.28
Ending Cash Balance	(6/30/08)	\$ 14.581.40
Ending Encumbrances	(6/30/08)	\$ 0
Net Cash Balance	•	\$ 14,581.40