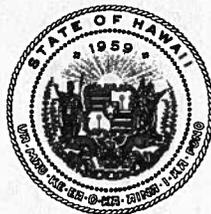


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DATE: October 27, 2014

Dear Interested Party:

§6E-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) requires all governmental projects, including projects permitted by State or county agencies "which may affect historic property" to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) for review and comment.

The SHPD Architecture Branch spends about 80% of its time reviewing §6E-42 permits or projects on privately owned residences that are 50 years old or older, thus meeting the statutory definition of historic property. During the last State Fiscal Year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), the Branch reviewed approximately 6000 projects, 3670 of which were reviewed in accordance with §6E-42, HRS. Most of the projects reviewed involved additions or alterations to private residences that range from interior electrical upgrades to demolition. SHPD analysis of these reviews indicates that the majority result in a SHPD determination of "no historic properties affected." Furthermore, this analysis indicates that some types of projects *always* result in "no historic properties affected" determination.

SHPD has developed a draft proposed list of projects that have no potential to affect historic properties based on analysis of prior reviews and the professional judgment of staff. The goal of this list is to reduce the burden of unnecessary reviews on private homeowners across the State, reduce the demands on staff time in County planning departments, and reduce the need for SHPD Architecture staff to engage in unnecessary reviews. This will allow SHPD to focus its efforts on the projects that have a real potential to affect historic properties and to engage in proactive preservation activities. Once the final list is compiled, it will be given to the State agencies with permitting authority and the four county planning offices for implementation. Please note that the SHPD Architecture Branch will continue to review all 6E-8, 6E-10, 6E-42 projects located in special districts, as well as federal undertakings subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800.

SHPD is using its experience and expertise to make determinations about certain project types. We recommend this document be used as technical guidance for internal policies within any agencies or offices of the state or its political subdivisions. It is not a rule that applies to the public.

SHPD is providing this draft on its website and to interested parties to give the public an opportunity to comment on the list before SHPD approves the list and implements it by distributing it to State and county permitting agencies. Please include any comments about the listed project types or suggest additions to the list together with explanations of concerns and/or proposed additions to the list. The comment period will extend through November 28th, 2014. To ensure full consideration, comments must be received prior to close-of-business on that date. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent possible. Comments should be addressed to Anna Broverman at anna.e.broverman@hawaii.gov or at State Historic Preservation Division, 601 Kamokila Blvd. Suite 555, Kapolei Hawaii, 96707.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Downer".

Alan Downer

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PROJECTS WITH NO POTENTIAL TO AFFECT HISTORIC PROPERTIES

INTRODUCTION

§6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is Hawaii's state historic preservation law and it is administered by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). All publicly and privately sponsored projects, including projects subject to State or county permit requirements "... which may affect historic property ..." (i.e., properties over 50 years old), must be submitted to SHPD for review. Projects are most often sent to the Division by county planning agencies and reviewed under §6E-42. Consequently, SHPD reviews thousands of permits annually, stressing the Division's resources and adding complexity to the permitting process. In order to streamline the review process for both project proponents and SHPD, the Division has examined the data derived from the review of §6E-42 permits and determined that certain projects have no potential to affect historic properties and thus do not meet the standard for review set by §6E. It is SHPD's judgment that the following types of projects have no potential to affect historic properties and therefore the Counties are advised not to submit such projects to SHPD for review and comment under §6E-42.

PROJECTS WITH NO POTENTIAL TO EFFECT HISTORIC PROPERTIES

- Installation of Solar/PV/Photovoltaic Systems on existing buildings, dwellings and carports
- Installation of Electrical Meters
- Interior Electrical Upgrades
- Demolition of additions and detached structures less than 50 years of age
- Interior renovations for mid and high rise buildings
- In kind repairs of interior and exterior features such as doors, windows, siding, fascia and decking
- Antenna and satellite dish replacements on existing towers and structures not subject to FCC permits
- Bathroom and kitchen renovations
- In kind repairs to carports and garages
- The enclosure of existing rear lanai