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**RAIN DELAYS COMPLETION OF PAVING WORK AT PU‘U O MAHUKA STATE HISTORIC
SITE
Will reopen Tuesday Dec. 18**

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of State Parks has extended the closure of Pu‘u O Mahuka Heiau State Historic Park through Dec. 17 due to rain so work can be completed to improve the park access road and parking area. The park will reopen on Tuesday, December 18.

Contractor Site Engineering Inc. removed all old asphalt the week of December 3 and began paving the road this week. Time will be needed for the asphalt to cure and for striping parking stalls and installation of speed bumps. The project cost is \$344,500.

Pu‘u O Mahuka is the largest heiau on O‘ahu, covering almost two acres. The name is translated as “hill of escape.” It played an important role in the social, political and religious system of Waimea Valley, which was a major occupation center of O‘ahu in the pre-contact period of Hawai‘i. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1962 in recognition of its importance to Hawaiian culture and history. In 1962, the four-acre property was placed under the jurisdiction of Division of State Parks to preserve this significant site for future generations.

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