

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Engineering Division
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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Delegation of Authority to the Chairperson to: (1) Declare a construction project exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment or approve an environmental assessment (EA) and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), if appropriate; and (2) Approve, Procure and Enter Contracts and Supplemental Contracts for Construction Projects

The Engineering Division and other departmental divisions desire to implement construction projects funded by Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and/or operating budget funds appropriated by the Legislature. The projects covered by this submittal are all construction projects that are funded with Capital Improvement Program funds and/or operating budget funds. The biennial General Appropriations Act as amended by the Supplemental Appropriations Act, and other appropriations for which funds have not lapsed, authorize the expenditure of funds for the various construction projects.

DISCUSSION:

All projects will comply with applicable provisions of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, and Title 11, Chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). We ask the Board to delegate to the Chairperson the authority to declare a construction project exempt from preparation of environmental assessment (EA), or to approve an EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), if appropriate. The majority of construction projects undertaken by the Department result in an exemption or EA/FONSI. All construction projects for which environmental impact statements (EIS) are required will be presented to the Board for approval.

To move projects into the construction phase, we request the delegation of authority to the Chairperson to approve, procure and enter contracts for construction projects that do not require an EIS. Typically when we have asked for authorization for the Chairperson to sign contracts for construction projects, we have also asked the Board to authorize the Chairperson to sign supplemental contracts for those projects if necessary and appropriate. We are therefore also asking the Board to delegate to the Chairperson the authority to sign supplemental contracts for construction projects if necessary. All procurements will be made in accordance with the State Procurement Code, HRS Chapter 103D.


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The implementation of all construction projects will comply with Budget Execution Policies issued by the Governor through the Department of Budget and Finance.

RECOMMENDATION:

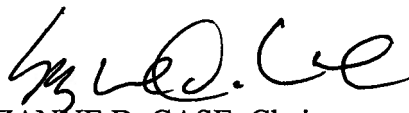
1. That the Board delegate authority to the Chairperson to declare a construction project covered by this request exempt from the preparation of an EA or to approve an EA and issue a FONSI, if appropriate, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents pertaining to the individual construction project to make such declaration.
2. That the Board delegate authority to the Chairperson to approve, procure, award and enter construction contracts and, if necessary, supplemental contracts, in accordance with HRS Chapter 103D for various construction projects that are funded with capital improvements program funds and/or operating budget funds and authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents pertaining to the individual construction projects, subject to available funding, release of funds by the Governor, and review and approval as to form by the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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