

State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Honolulu, Hawaii

September 23, 2016

Board of Land and
Natural Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Requesting to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the staging of a Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement Patrol Boat and Personal Water Craft aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

REQUEST:

This request seeks Board Approval to enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Marine Corps Base Hawaii to stage a Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) Patrol Boat and Personal Water Craft aboard the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) at Kaneohe Bay. The staging of the vessels at MCBH is essential to provide for law enforcement operations including boating safety patrols, search and rescue operations and for emergency response in Windward Oahu ocean waters.

DOCARE previously came before the Board in February 2016, with a request to enter into a similar MOU, which the Board approved. The MOU requested to be entered here would replace the previous MOU as the MCBH is agreeable to provide additional berthing space for two of the Division's Personal Water Craft as well as providing berthing space for a DOCARE Patrol Boat and vehicle and trailer parking that was agreed upon with the previous MOU.

JUSTIFICATION:

DOCARE's Oahu Branch is responsible for providing law enforcement within the state waters around the Island of Oahu, which includes Windward Oahu Waters such as Kaneohe and Kailua Bays. Due to a lack of storage space, many vessels within the Oahu Branch vessel fleet are stored within the Oahu Branch Office premises located in Pearl City. When vessels are needed for patrols or for response, the operators must trailer the vessels from the Oahu Branch Office to a launch ramp.

The forward deployment of an Oahu Branch Patrol Boat and Personal Water Craft aboard MCBH at Kaneohe Bay will allow for immediate access to state waters and allow for quicker response to address complaints, rule and law violations and emergencies around Oahu's Windward coastline.

Additionally, the storage of the vessels aboard MCBH at Kaneohe Bay provides a secure location for the berthing of these vessels. This will eliminate security concerns and the possibility of theft, damage and tampering of the vessels.

RECOMMENDATION:

DOCARE recommends approval:

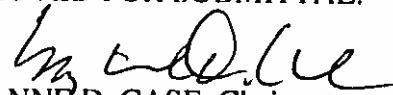
1. To authorize the Chairperson to enter and sign the Memorandum of Understanding, providing that the Attorney General review and approve the contents of the Memorandum of Understanding to insure compliance with all state requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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