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

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Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Honolulu, Hawaii  

RE: Requesting to enter into a Revocable License agreement between the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and the US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the staging of Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement boats, trailers and personal water craft at NOAA’s Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

REQUEST:

This request seeks Board Approval to enter into a Revocable License agreement with the US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to stage Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) boats, trailers and personal water craft at the NOAA Inouye Regional Center (IRC) located at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The staging of the vessels at IRC is essential to secure DOCARE’s marine vessels, to allow them to be readily able to conduct law enforcement operations including boating safety patrols, search and rescue operations and for emergency response in both Leeward and Southern Oahu ocean waters.

The Revocable License agreement requested to be entered in here would provide for the storage of three patrol boats and two personal water craft.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

DOCARE’s Oahu Branch is responsible for providing law enforcement within the state waters around the Island of Oahu, which includes the Leeward and South Oahu Coastline. Due to the fact that marked law enforcement vessels stored at public small boat harbors are prime targets for vandalism, many vessels within the Oahu Branch vessel fleet are stored within the Oahu Branch Office premises located in Pearl City.

Currently, the grounds upon which the Oahu DOCARE Branch Office sits, is within the former Waimano Home and Hospital and is managed by the Department of Health. These premises lack 24 hour security, making the premises vulnerable to theft and damage. DOCARE’s marine vessels are essential resources which provides the State’s ability to conduct law enforcement, search and rescue and homeland security operations in the marine environment. The staging of
vessels, personal water craft and trailers at the IRC provides for storage in a secure location, reducing security risks of theft, damage or tampering of these crucial resources.

The staging of the vessels at the IRC will further provide DOCARE with immediate access to adjacent vessel launch ramps which are available for DOCARE use. This access will facilitate a quicker response to complaints, violations of rules and laws and emergencies. It will also eliminate the need to trailer the vessels along the steep and narrow roadways that lead to the Oahu Branch Office, increasing the safety of employees and other motorists.

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