

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

January 13, 2017

Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE  
CHAIRPERSON TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HAWAII NATURE CENTER**

**SUMMARY**

This Board Submittal requests approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a written agreement for conservation and natural resource programs between the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) and the Hawaii Nature Center (HNC), a 501 c3 nonprofit. The agreement will help the parties: manage adjacent facilities, provide environmental education programs, and coordinate access to DOFAW management areas.

**BACKGROUND**

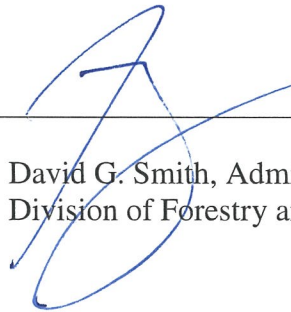
The DLNR-DOFAW Makiki Branch office is located in Makiki Valley, adjacent to the Hawaii Nature Center's base of operations. HNC holds a non-exclusive lease agreement with the Division of State Parks to use lands in the Makiki Valley Recreation Area. This agreement will clarify the relationship between DOFAW and HNC and benefit both parties and the general public by enhancing and expanding services. The cooperation will provide HNC access to DOFAW lands to provide environmental education programs consistent with DOFAW's mission. HNC will also work with DOFAW to manage the Makiki Valley Recreation Area to best benefit the public and the operation interests of both parties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- 1) 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 ensure compliance with all State requirements.

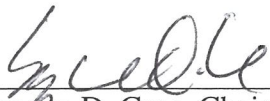
Respectfully submitted,



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David G. Smith, Administrator  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources