

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

April 24, 2020

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MARINE CORPS BASE OF HAWAII FOR THE STAGING OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. OAHU, HAWAII, TAX MAP KEY: (1) 4-4-008:001.

The staging of Department helicopter operations at the Marine Corps Base will facilitate management of offshore islands in Kaneohe bay. For example, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife is seeking to helicopter sling-load native plants into Kapapa island and the Base provides the closest area to load the plants into a helicopter and deliver them to that island.

CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

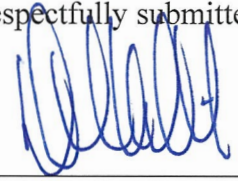
This action of establishing heli-spots is listed within Exemption Class 4, Part 1, Number 17 of the Environmental Assessment exemption list reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on March 3, 2020. Activities categorized as “Part 1” fall under §11-200.1-16 (a) (1), Hawaii Administrative Rules, which are exempted from the preparation of an EA and the requirements of section 11-200.1-17 because the agency considers the specific activity to be *de minimis*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

- 1) Delegate authority to the Chairperson to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the staging of helicopter operations, subject to the review and approval by the Deputy Attorney General.

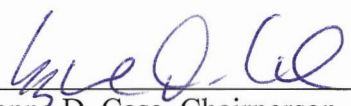
Respectfully submitted,



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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