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1. Delegation of Authority to the Chairperson to: (1) Procure, Award and Enter into Professional Service Consultant Contracts for Capital Improvement Program Projects Funded by the Legislature as Listed in Exhibit 1 or with Program Operating Funds; (2) Declare a Construction Project Exempt from the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Approve an Environmental Assessment and Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, if Appropriate; and (3) Approve, Procure and Enter into Construction Contracts for Capital Improvement Program Projects Funded by the Legislature as Listed in Exhibit 1 or with Program Operating Funds.

These are my comments:

I understand why these CIP items are lumped together. Regarding three CIP projects though, two for Waikiki Masterplan improvements, and one for Kawehewehe beach pilot project we should understand that every time the State puts more sand in Waikiki, you smother the reefs, displace fishes and honu. You change the surf breaks and fill the natural channels. By adding groins to this equation you will change the current patterns and have more unintended consequences. These obstructions will need and EIS. They've been trying to do these projects for over 20 years. We have spent way too much monies on Professional Service Consultant Contracts and studies for this area. You have a book already on the past 20 years. At any time I would be more than happy to share with the board what has transpired in these 20 years. Mahalo, Keone Downing