

State of Hawai`i
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

January 10, 2025

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: SET ASIDE TAX MAP PARCELS (2) 2-1:006:076 AND (2) 2-1:004:111 AS PART OF THE 'ĀHIHI KĪNA'U NATURAL AREA RESERVE, MAUI

BACKGROUND:

On October 25, 2024, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved holding a public hearing for two parcels, TMKs (2) 2-1:006:076 and (2) 2-1:004:111. The notice of public hearing was published according to §195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and sent to various agencies and organizations. The hearing was conducted on December 3, 2024; no attendees or written testimony was received.

DISCUSSION

A set aside will establish the long-term management proposed for these parcels, cover these areas with the Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) rules, and provide the Division of Forestry and Wildlife the authority to manage the areas directly. While these parcels are less than an acre each, their designation as natural area reserves will improve connectivity and make the rules and management more cohesive for the entire region.

Survey maps will be required prior to set aside, per the Department of Accounting and General Services Survey Division. No subdivisions will be required.

CHAPTER 343 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This action before the Board represents a transfer in management jurisdiction. It does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 343, HRS, relating to environmental impact statements. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife shall be responsible for compliance with Chapter 343, HRS as amended for NARS program activities on the land that are not otherwise included in existing environmental compliance documents for the parcels.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board:

- 1) Approve and recommend to the Governor the issuance of an executive order setting aside Tax Map Keys (2) 2-1:006:076 and (2) 2-1:004:111 to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife as additions to the 'Āhihi Kīna'u Natural Area Reserve, Maui, under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by reference incorporated herein and subject further to the following:
 - a. The standard terms and conditions of the most current executive order form, as may be amended from time to time.
 - b. Disapproval by the Legislature by a two-thirds vote of either the House of Representatives or the Senate or by a majority vote by both in any regular or special session next following the date of the setting aside.
 - c. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General.
 - d. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



DAWN N. S. CHANG, Chairperson

Attachment





