

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

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KAUAI

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association for Seven (7) Beach Volleyball Tournaments at Kalapaki Beach, Lihue, Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 3-5-002: seaward of 002.

APPLICANT:

Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association (HBVA), a Hawaii nonprofit corporation and an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) qualified nonprofit entity.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Kalapaki Beach, Lihue, Kauai, identified as Tax Map Key: (4) 3-5-002 seaward of parcel 002. The beach area requested fronts the Royal Sonesta Kauai Resort located at 3610 Rice Street, Lihue, HI 96766.

AREA:

8,112 square feet, more or less.
(1,352 square feet per court, six courts for each tournament)

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act: Yes
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Vacant and unencumbered.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Beach Volleyball Tournament

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

All from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

- Kauai Beach Volleyball Dinosaur Tournament
 - April 9-12, 2026 (4 days) 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Kauai Beach Volleyball AAU Jr's
 - April 25, 2026 (1 day) 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Duke's 4-Man
 - May 30-31, 2026 (2 days) 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Kauai Beach Volleyball AAU Club Challenge
 - September 12, 2026 (1 day) 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Kauai Beach Volleyball College Invitational
 - November 19-22, 2026 (4 days)
- Kauai Beach Volleyball Jr's BBKA Championships
 - November 27-29, 2026 (3 days)
- Kauai Beach Volleyball AAU Jr's
 - December 5-6, 2026 (2 days)

CONSIDERATION

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CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 11-200.1-15 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to:

General Exemption Type 1: "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving minor expansion or minor change of use beyond that previously existing."

Part 1, Item 44: "Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing."

The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope of beach activities that routinely has occurred and continues to be held on this and other beaches across the State.

¹ Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association is an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) qualified nonprofit entity. Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association will not realize any profit from the tournament.

Such activities have resulted in no known significant impacts, whether immediate or cumulative, to the natural, environmental and/or cultural resources in the area. As such, staff believes that the proposed event would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

The temporary use of the land for beach recreation activities such as volleyball will not result in any significant cumulative impact and there are no sensitive environmental issues involved with the proposed use of the property. In the past, permits were issued for similar types of events on the beach in the area, which have resulted in no known significant impacts to the natural and environmental resources in the area.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES
Registered business name confirmed:	YES
Applicant in good standing confirmed:	YES

PUBLIC TRUST ANALYSIS:

The proposed use is temporary and the events are open to the public. Additionally, no commercial activity will occur on the public beach area. Given the limited duration and scope of the events, staff believes that the requested right-of-entry (ROE) permit would not measurably impair the use of the public beach area and is consistent with the public trust. Staff has not received complaints from the public about these types of events impeding their beach access or enjoyment. These tournaments are good for community building, promoting beach clean-ups and environmental stewardship.

REMARKS:

HBVA is requesting a right-of-entry permit for 7 separate volleyball tournaments. Kauai Beach Volleyball Dinosaur Tournament, Kauai Beach Volleyball AAU Jr's, Duke's 4-Man, Kauai Beach Volleyball AAU Club Challenge, Kauai Beach Volleyball College Invitational, Kauai Beach Volleyball Jr's BBKA Championships and Kauai Beach Volleyball AAU Jr's will all be held from from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Set-up will begin at 7:00 am and breakdown will be completed by 6:00 pm daily.

HBVA states that no tents or spectator seating will be placed on the beach/State land by event coordinators. Two ten-foot by ten-foot tents along with chairs will be placed on the adjacent, Royal Sonesta Kauai Resort's grounds.

Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the past five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions.

Various government agencies and interest groups were solicited for comments.

AGENCIES	COMMENTS
County of Kauai:	
Public Works Department	No Objections.
State of Hawaii:	
Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands	No Objections.
Office of Hawaiian Affairs	No Response by suspense date.
Other:	
Royal Sonesta Kauai Resort	The Royal Sonesta confirmed their approval for the events.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

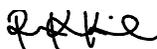
1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200.1, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
2. For the reasons stated herein, find that the requested disposition is consistent with the public trust.
3. Authorize a right-of-entry permit to Hawaii Beach Volleyball Association for seven (7) beach volleyball tournaments, on the dates and under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time; and
 - B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



Reynold Lee, Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Ryan Kanaka'ole, Acting Chairperson

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