

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

July 10, 2026

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

PSF No.: 24OD-069

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Consent to Assign General Lease No. S-4909 from Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa as Assignor to Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa and John Kekaa Kahiewalu Kalauli Kaawa III, as Joint Tenants, as Assignees; Maunalaha, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-5-024:006.

APPLICANTS:

Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa – Assignor

Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa and John Kekaa Kahiewalu Kalauli Kaawa III (son), as joint tenants, as Assignees.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-6 and 36(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Maunalaha, Honolulu, Oahu, identified by Tax Map Key:(1) 2-5-024:006, or 2401 Maunalaha Road<sup>1</sup>

AREA:

0.36 acre, more or less

TRUST LAND STATUS:

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

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<sup>1</sup> [Link for a map on the City and County's Real Property Assessment website](#)

CHARACTER OF USE:

Residential purposes.

TERM OF LEASE:

GL 4909 is a 65-year lease commencing from December 1, 1983 and expiring on November 30, 2048. Last rental reopening occurred on December 1, 2008 and the next rental reopening is scheduled on December 1, 2028.

ANNUAL RENTAL:

\$120.00, to be paid semi-annually.

RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT PREMIUM:

Not applicable as the lease does not allow for a premium.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Not applicable. Applicants as individuals are not required to register with the DCCA.

REMARKS:

Act 225, SLH 1981, as amended in subsequent sessions, took into account the unique circumstances of the people who have resided in Maunalaha Valley for decades subject to a 30-day relocation notice and authorized the Board to negotiate direct leases for residential purposes to qualified residents, for a term not to exceed 65 years.

Among the leases issued in the valley, GL 4909 was originally issued to James Perry. At its meeting of October 27, 1995, under item F-1-a, the Board consented to the assignment of the subject lease to Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa, niece of Mr. Perry.

Ms. Kaawa intends to add her son, John Kekaa Kahiewalu Kalauli Kaawa III, as joint tenants.

Condition 14 of GL 4892 requires that any proposed assignee be the descendant or heir of the assignor. In addition, the assignee(s) shall agree in writing to abide by the terms and conditions of the lease.

Staff received copy of the birth certificate of John Kaawa III to establish his relationship with Joslyn Kaawa. Staff will follow-up with the assignee regarding the second requirement for acknowledgment of the terms and conditions of the lease

in writing, should the Board approve today's request.

Rent and insurance required as a condition of the subject lease are current. There are no outstanding rental reopening issues.

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

No comments were solicited as the subject request is for housekeeping purposes only. Therefore, staff recommends the Board approve the subject request as cited in the Recommendation section below.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

Consent to the assignment of General Lease No. S-4909 from Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa as Assignor; to Joslyn Mahealani K. Kaawa and John Kekaa Kahiewalu Kalauli Kaawa III, as Joint Tenants, as Assignees, subject to the following:

- A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current consent to assignment form, as may be amended from time to time;
- B. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
- C. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Barry Cheung*

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District Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

*R.K.P.*

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Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole, Chairperson