

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814

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Board of Agriculture
Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject: UPDATE ON THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PURSUANT TO ACT 90, SLH 2003, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 166E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND CONVERSION FROM A DLNR TO AN HDOA LEASE; TMK NOS.: (1) 4-1-008:054 AND 059; WAIMANALO, KOOLAUPOKO, ISLAND OF OAHU, HAWAII

Authority: Section 166E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”)

BACKGROUND:

Act 90, Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2003 established the Non-Agricultural Park Lands Program within the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (“HDOA”), and was codified as Chapter 166E, HRS. Under this program, the Legislature found that certain public lands classified for agricultural use by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (“DLNR”) should be transferred to the HDOA for purposes and in a manner consistent with Article XI, Section 10, of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the long-term productive use of public lands leased or available to be leased by the DLNR for agricultural purposes by allowing these lands to be transferred to the HDOA for leasing and management.

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 166E, HRS, the Board of Agriculture and the Board of Land and Natural Resources must mutually approve of the subject land parcels for transfer.

In summary, the lands have been transferred into the Department of Agriculture’s Non-Agricultural Park Program.


Staff is working with the lessee to be able to perform in full compliance with the existing leases and will come to the Board for approval of a conversion of lease as soon as possible.

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RECOMMENDATION:


No action needs to be taken at this time. Staff will be available to answer any Board questions, hear any Board concerns, or receive requests for additional information to be presented in the June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION



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