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Aloha Native Hawaiian Community Members,

We, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Native Hawaiian Relations (ONHR), and the State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) jointly and simultaneously seek your input regarding the potential transfer of an 80-acre parcel of U.S. Government surplus property at the former Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) site in 'Ewa Beach, O'ahu, for inclusion into the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust (Trust).

DHHL seeks the input of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) beneficiaries on its O'ahu residential homestead waitlist and existing O'ahu homestead lessees and ONHR specifically seeks HHCA beneficiary input through its Homestead and Beneficiary Associations (HBA) List and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO) List. Congress authorized such a transfer of land to the Trust in 1995 with enactment of the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act (HHLRA; 109 Stat. 357). Specifically, the transfer of the former PTWC parcel would utilize \$10 million of a \$16.9 million land credit the Trust has with the United States.

Your opinion on the potential transfer would help to inform the U.S. Department of the Interior's determination of whether the transfer of the former PTWC parcel would be in the best interests of the Trust and the HHCA beneficiaries. We are particularly interested in your opinion on whether the subject transfer increases or decreases benefits to the HHCA beneficiaries and the Trust. Also, any additional input you provide regarding the former PTWC parcel or the subject potential transfer will be gratefully accepted.

To assist your consideration of the potential transfer of the former PTWC parcel, we have posted information on our respective websites and will link an informational briefing video on DHHL's website.

- See Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act Land Settlement background and status information at <https://www.doi.gov/hawaiian/home-lands-recovery-settlement>.
- Learn more about the former PTWC parcel, DHHL's due diligence, and the Hawaiian Homes Commission's consideration and actions thus far through DHHL's webpage at <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/oahu/gsaewabeach/>.


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To further guide your consideration as well as inform the agencies regarding the property's potential for a successful residential homestead community, DHHL has developed a survey that you may access on DHHL's beneficiary survey page. <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/oahu/gsaewabeach/>

Please provide your opinion on the subject transfer even if you choose not to answer the DHHL survey. Your reasons for responding yes or no or in support or opposition will greatly assist us to understand your position. You may respond through DHHL's webform survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3CPFZ8N> or by e-mailing ONHR at doi_onhr_hhl@ios.doi.gov with the subject line "Input on Potential Transfer of Former PTWC Land".

The deadline for completing the on-line survey and submitting comments by e-mail is Monday, March 18, 2021. We hope to hear from you within this 30-day period. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Me Ka Ha'a Ha'a,



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