STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 91, notice is hereby given that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) will hold statewide online public hearings to afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing on the proposed adoption of Chapter 10-4.1, under Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 10, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, entitled "Management of Water Systems." The proposed chapter provides standardized practices for the management of the DHHL-owned Water Systems. The proposed chapter also provides service rates, meter reading and rendering of bills, and conservation and emergency measures for DHHL-owned public water systems in Anahola, Kauai; Hoolehua, Molokai; and Kawaihae, Hawaii. Provisions for general conditions, monthly maintenance fee, conservation and emergency measures, and unauthorized drawing of water are included for the DHHL-owned non-potable water system in Puukapu, Hawaii. An informational briefing will be held immediately before each public hearing. Due to COVID-19 public health dangers associated with in-person gatherings, the public hearings and informational sessions will be held entirely online via video conferencing technology.

All interested persons may view a pre-recorded presentation describing the proposed rules, which is currently available for viewing on the DHHL website at https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/hhc/department-of-hawaiian-home-lands-administrative-rules/dhhl-administrative-rules-management-of-water-systems/

There are two ways to participate in the public hearings: online via the internet or by telephone, or by written testimony. All interested persons are urged to participate to present relevant information and individual opinion for the DHHL to consider. Hearings will be held on the following dates and times

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 Informational briefing: 5:30 p.m. Public hearing: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 2020 Informational briefing: 5:30 p.m. Public hearing: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 20, 2020 Informational briefing: 11:30 a.m. Public hearing: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

<u>Online</u>: Persons may present live video/oral testimony via internet or telephone during the online public hearing. To participate, you will need either a computer with internet access,

video camera, and microphone, or a telephone. To sign up please email your request to: <u>DHHL.AdminRules@hawaii.gov</u> at least 48 hours in advance. Please include the hearing date you would like to testify, your email, full name, and phone number. A confirmation will be sent to you with instructions and the meeting link and call-in number. You can livestream the public hearing on the DHHL website: <u>dhhl.hawaii.gov/live</u>. Each hearing will be recorded and will be available for viewing on the DHHL website within 24 hours after the hearing.

<u>Written testimony</u>: Any person may file written testimony to the proposed rulemaking by email or mail postmarked by December 3, 2020 to: ATTN: Administrative Rules, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805 or <u>DHHL.AdminRules@hawaii.gov</u>.

All oral and written testimony is public information. Please do not include information in your testimony that you do not want disclosed to the public.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission shall take final action on this rulemaking at a future regularly scheduled commission meeting.

The proposed rule amendments are currently available for review through December 3, 2020 online at https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/hhc/hawaii-administrative-rules/ and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the DHHL Main Office on <u>Oahu</u>: 91-5420 Kapolei Pkwy, Kapolei, HI 96707; and at any DHHL District Office: <u>East Hawaii</u>: 160 Baker Ave., Hilo, HI 96720; <u>West Hawaii</u>: 64-756 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kamuela, HI 96743; <u>Maui</u>: 655 Kaumualii St., Wailuku, HI 96793; <u>Molokai</u>: 600 Mauna Loa Hwy, Kaunakakai, HI 96748; <u>Kauai</u>: 3060 Eiwa St, Rm 203, Lihue, HI 96766. A copy of the proposed rule amendments will be mailed to any person who requests a copy in writing. The request must state the requestor's name and mailing address, and be delivered to the DHHL Main Office, P.O. Box 1879, Honolulu, HI 96805. For more information, email <u>DHHL.AdminRules@hawaii.gov</u> or call (808) 620-9280.

To request a sign language interpreter, please contact the DHHL Information and Community Relations Office on Oahu at 808-620-9590 at least seven days in advance of the public hearing.

William J. Aila, Jr., Chairman Hawaiian Homes Commission October 15, 2020