

## AGENCY PUBLICATION FORM

Project Name:	Ha'ikū Stairs Study
Project Short Name:	none
HRS §343-5 Trigger(s):	Use of County lands, use of County funds, use of any land classified as conservation district by the state land use commission under Chapter 205.
Island(s):	O'ahu
Judicial District(s):	Ko'olaupoko
TMK(s):	(1) 4-6-015:011; (1) 4-6-015:007; (1) 4-6-041:005; (1) 1-1-013:003
Permit(s)/Approval(s):	Conservation District Use Permit; Historic Preservation Review under HRS 6E-8; various building, demolition, and highway use approvals for removal work
Proposing/Determining Agency:	City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply
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Accepting Authority:	City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting
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Consultant:	G70
<i>Contact Name, Email, Telephone, Address</i>	Jeff Overton, AICP 111 S. King Street, Suite 170 (808) 523-5866 <a href="mailto:haikustairs@g70.design">haikustairs@g70.design</a> Please direct all comments to: <a href="http://haikustairseis.commentinput.com/">http://haikustairseis.commentinput.com/</a>

**Status (select one)** DEA-AFNSI**Submittal Requirements**

Submit 1) the proposing agency notice of determination/transmittal letter on agency letterhead, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEA, and 4) a searchable PDF of the DEA; a 30-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

 FEA-FONSI

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 FEA-EISPN

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 Act 172-12 EISPN  
("Direct to EIS")

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 DEIS

Submit 1) a transmittal letter to the OEQC and to the accepting authority, 2) this completed OEQC publication form as a Word file, 3) a hard copy of the DEIS, 4) a searchable PDF of the DEIS, and 5) a searchable PDF of the distribution list; a 45-day comment period follows from the date of publication in the Notice.

 FEIS

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searchable PDF of the distribution list; no comment period follows from publication in the Notice.

- FEIS Acceptance Determination      The accepting authority simultaneously transmits to both the OEQC and the proposing agency a letter of its determination of acceptance or nonacceptance (pursuant to Section 11-200-23, HAR) of the FEIS; no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- FEIS Statutory Acceptance      Timely statutory acceptance of the FEIS under Section 343-5(c), HRS, is not applicable to agency actions.
- Supplemental EIS Determination      The accepting authority simultaneously transmits its notice to both the proposing agency and the OEQC that it has reviewed (pursuant to Section 11-200-27, HAR) the previously accepted FEIS and determines that a supplemental EIS is or is not required; no EA is required and no comment period ensues upon publication in the Notice.
- Withdrawal      Identify the specific document(s) to withdraw and explain in the project summary section.
- Other      Contact the OEQC if your action is not one of the above items.

### **Project Summary**

Provide a description of the proposed action and purpose and need in 200 words or less.

The Ha'ikū Stairs are a potential liability for the Board of Water Supply (BWS) because of hikers who continue to illegally climb them. The mission of BWS is to provide safe, dependable, and affordable water now and into the future. The BWS objective is to eliminate its liability as continued management and operation of Ha'ikū Stairs is not consistent with its mission. Eliminating BWS liability can be accomplished in two ways: 1) the proposed action to remove Ha'ikū Stairs, or 2) the alternative to convey the Ha'ikū Stairs parcel to a public or private entity. Therefore, reviewers should consider both the proposed action, and the conveyance alternative.

The Draft EIS assesses the removal of Ha'ikū Stairs as the BWS' proposed action, and a range of alternatives that includes: no-action; partial removal of the stair modules; and conveyance of the land and Ha'ikū Stairs to a public or private entity. The conveyance alternative discusses the need for a managed access plan, evaluates several access routes, and provides conceptual planning for the preferred access route.