July 8, 2019

Dr. Alan S. Downer, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division
Department Land and Natural Resources
Kākūhihewa Bldg., Suite 555
601 Kamōkila Boulevard
Kapolei, Hawai‘i 96707

Subject: Docket No. A19-807/Trustees of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop
dba Kamehameha Schools
Kauaea, Puna, Hawai‘i
Tax Map Key: (3) 1-3-009: por. 005

Dear Dr. Downer:

On June 21, 2019, the Trustees of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop dba
Kamehameha Schools filed a Petition for Land Use District Boundary Amendment
to reclassify approximately 94.107 acres of land from the State Land Use
Conservation District to the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kauaea, Puna,
Hawai‘i, Tax Map Key: (3) 1-3-009: por. 005 (“Petition Area”).

We understand that Haun & Associates prepared a Final Archaeological Inventory
Survey (“AIS”) for a 309-acre portion of the subject parcel, including the Petition
Area, and submitted it to the State Historic Preservation Division (“SHPD”) on
August 22, 2013. A total of six sites consisting of ten features were found, including
five roads, an enclosure, an enclosure with a ramp, a slab with a vertical metal post
supporting a sign, a trail, and a railroad grade. No further work or preservation was
recommended for five of the six sites. The sixth site, consisting of the trail, was
deemed to be culturally significant and recommended for preservation. Four of
the six sites are located within or partially within the Petition Area, while the trail may
extend into the Petition Area. According to Petitioner, the SHPD accepted the Final
AIS on September 23, 2013.
At this time, we request confirmation from the SHPD that the 94.107-acre Petition Area has been reasonably addressed in the Final AIS, and that the requirements of Hawai’i Revised Statutes chapter 6E have been met. To assist you in your review, we have attached a .pdf file of the Final AIS as well as a map showing the boundaries of the Petition Area.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please call our office at 587-3822.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Orodener
Executive Officer

c: Calvert G. Chipchase, Esq. (w/o attachments)

Attachments