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CHAPTER 343 AND FOR AUTHORITY TO PREPARE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE;

# AND

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Comes now, R.D. OLSON DEVELOPMENT, ("R.D. OLSON" or "Petitioner"), by and through its attorneys, MASUBARA, KOTAKE & TABATA, respectfully moves the Land Use Commission of the State of Hawaii ("Commission") for an order: (1) to determine that it will be the accepting authority and the approving agency for the environmental statement under HRS Chapter 343; (2) to determine, through its judgment and experience, that an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") is likely to be required; and (3) to authorize Petitioner to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice ("EISPN").

This motion is brought pursuant to HAR § 15-15-70, HRS § 343-5, and HAR § 11-200.1-13. In this docket, Petitioner seeks to amend the Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order filed March 25, 2004 ("2004 Decision and Order") providing that a portion of the Petition Area, that portion being identified as Tax Map Key Nos. (2) 3-8-103:014 (portion), 015, 016, 017, and 018, comprising approximately 5.17 acres of land ("Petition Area B" or the "Subject Property"), shall be subject to a new decision and order that is specific to Petition Area B and that said Petition Area B shall not be subject to the 2004 Decision and Order, for the purpose of establishing appropriate findings of fact, conclusions of law and decision and order that are specifically applicable to Petitioner's Windward Hotel and limited to Petition Area B. The project for which the Petition addresses will require a community plan amendment which requires compliance with HRS Chapter 343.

Further, Petitioner ask this Commission to exercise its discretion to determine, based upon its judgment and experience, that an EIS is needed for review of this project as it will likely have significant impacts upon the environment.

Accordingly, Petitioner ask this Commission to determine that it act as the approving agency for compliance with HRS Chapter 343, that this Commission determine that an EIS shall be required, and that Petitioner should prepare an EISPN.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, January 16, 2020.

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To Amend the Agricultural Land Use District Boundary Into The Urban Land Use District For Approximately 138.158 Acres Of Land At Kahului, Maui, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key Nos.: 3-8-01: Por. 2, 3-8-06: Por.4, And 3-8-79: Por. 13	)	
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# MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

R.D. OLSON DEVELOPMENT ("R.D. OLSON" or "Petitioner") has filed a Motion for Order Amending the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order filed March 25, 2004 ("Motion to Amend") to allow the development of a 200 room hotel in Kahului, Maui. Attached to the Motion to Amend as Exhibit "1" is the draft Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice ("EISPN") for the Proposed Windward Hotel ("Project").

The Project will require a community plan amendment which triggers and environmental assessment under § 343- 5(a)(6) of the <u>Hawaii Revised Statutes</u> ("HRS")

Filing of the Motion to Amend is the earliest practicable time for an accepting agency to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") shall be required to assess the Project pursuant to HRS Chapter 343.

Under HRS Chapter 343, an action is reviewed by way of an environmental assessment to determine whether an EIS is needed. If, however, the agency determines that the project is likely to have a significant impact, then the environmental assessment step may be bypassed, and allow the applicant to go straight to the environmental impact statement process. See HRS § 343-5(e).

The determination of whether the project will likely have a significant impact is measured by the significance criteria under § 11-200.1-13 of the <u>Hawaii Administrative</u> Rules ("HAR").

The proposed Project is a 200 room hotel on approximately 5.17 acres of land of currently vacant land. The proposed Project would result in the loss of the existing landscape, may have adverse effect on the economic and social welfare of the community or State, and may involve secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities. See HAR §11-200.1-13(b)(1), (4) and (6).

Based on these potential impacts, the Commission, using its judgment and experience, can determine that an EIS is likely to be required.

For these reasons, Petitioner respectfully request that the Commission determine that it is the appropriate accepting authority and approving agency for

review under HRS Chapter 343, that it authorize Petitioner to not prepare an environmental assessment, and that it authorize Petitioner to prepare an EIS beginning with the preparation of an EISPN pursuant to HRS § 343-5(e).

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