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Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii
Presents
LURF FORUM

UH EIS/EA Study – Review of Chapter 343
Meeting with Dr. Karl Kim

Thursday, August 13
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
HEI Training Room # 1
1001 Bishop Street, 8th Floor
Admission Free for Invited Guests

Validated Parking available at Topa Tower (700 Bishop Street – Enter on Nimitz Highway)
No Validated Parking for Bishop Square

The legislature may pass new laws with additional requirements in 2010 based on this UH EIS/EA Study. During this meeting, Dr. Kim will review the current progress of UH EIS/EA Study and provide information regarding the major issues and results of the Stakeholder Process meetings. We are inviting LURF Members and planning, architecture and engineering professionals to this Forum, which will provide important information and give the attendees the opportunity to respond to major issues or concerns regarding the UH EIS/EA Study. We strongly encourage you to attend.

As you may know, in 2008 Act 1, (HB 2688 HD1) called for 4 actions by the UH EIS/EA Study including:

1) Examine the effectiveness of the current environmental review system created by chapters 341, 343, and 344, Hawaii Revised Statues;

2) Assess the unique environmental, economic, social, and cultural issues in Hawaii that should be incorporated in an environmental review system;

3) Address larger concerns and interests related to sustainable development, global environmental change, and disaster risk reduction; and,

4) Develop a strategy, including legislative recommendation, for modernizing

Hawaii's environmental review system so that it meets international and national best practice standards.

Act 1 (2008) required a comprehensive review of Chapter 343 HRS, to be conducted by representatives from the University of Hawaii (Environmental Center, together with the William S. Richardson School of Law and the U.H. Urban Planning Department were contracted). This UH EIS/EA Study will be presented to the Legislature at the beginning of the 2010 session, and the legislature may consider amending the current EIS/EA law based on this Study.

Attached are the following two documents prepared by the UH EIS/EA Study Team, which summarize the feedback received from the stakeholder interviews and June 3rd Town-Gown Meeting (Stakeholder Workshop).

- UH EIS Study Town Gown Stakeholder Workshop – Workshop Materials held at Richardson School of Law on June 3, 2009; and
- Summary of Stakeholder Process Results.

For more information you may also visit their blog at http://hawaiiEISstudy.blogspot.com. Comments may also be left at their blog and the attached documents are on the blog site as well.

If you plan to attend Dr. Kim's presentation on August 13, please RSVP to Shannon COB Wednesday, August 12. We need a headcount to make sure that the capacity of the conference room is not exceeded.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mahalo,
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