

## NEWS RELEASE

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## DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LAUNCHES BENEFICIARY OUTREACH FOR O'AHU ISLAND PLAN

Beneficiary Mana 'o Crucial to DHHL Planning Process

KAPOLEI, O'AHU — The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands invites beneficiaries to take part in planning the future of Hawaiian Home Lands on O'ahu. The Department is developing the O'ahu Island Plan to guide DHHL management and development of trust lands on the island over the next 20 years.

Beginning this month, the Department will host three Open House workshops to gather beneficiary input on the issues unique to O'ahu and its current and future homesteaders. Workshops are open to applicants on the O'ahu applicant lists, as well as lessees who currently reside on homestead lots on O'ahu.

The Open House workshops will take place on:

- Saturday, April 20th from 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. at Waipahu High School Cafeteria
- Saturday, April 27th from 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. at Farrington High School Cafeteria
- Saturday, May 4th from 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. at Kalāheo High School Cafeteria

These workshops are part of an ongoing discussion about what needs to be in place on O'ahu to help further DHHL's mission of developing and delivering homesteads to native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

A survey was sent to DHHL beneficiaries on the O'ahu residential and agricultural waitlists regarding the development of new homesteads on the island. Beneficiaries are reminded the survey deadline is **Tuesday**, **April 30, 2013.** 

The O'ahu Island Plan is being developed by DHHL's Planning Office in consultation with PBR HAWAII and Associates. The O'ahu Island Plan is the last of five island plans developed as part of DHHL's planning system.

For more information, visit <u>www.dhhl.hawaii.gov</u>.

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