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### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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October 9, 2017

Aloha mai,

Good News! The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is planning a new Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Community at Honomū, South Hilo, Hawai'i. The Hawaiian Home Lands at Honomū includes a total of 766 acres that are along both sides of the 'Akaka Falls Road (see attached map).

#### Why is this Important to You?

- 1. You are one of the top 500 applicants on the Hawai'i Island Agricultural Wait List.
- 2. We are inviting you and your 'ohana to attend three (3) planning meetings to help develop this new homestead community.
- 3. If you are awarded a Subsistence Agriculture lease, you have the option to transfer your lease to your spouse, child, or grandchild who are at least 25% native Hawaiian.

### **Beneficiary Meeting #1**

We want to give you more information and we are interested in your initial thoughts and comments on the project. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Beneficiary meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria 240 Desha Avenue Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

The Department is involving beneficiaries early in the planning process and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity! If you have any questions, please contact Julie-Ann Cachola in our Planning Office at 808-620-9483 or via email at julie-ann.cachola@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Jobie M.K. Masagatani, Chairm

Hawaiian Homes Commission

Attachment



# Honomū Subsistence Agricultural Homestead Community Conceptual Plan and Environmental Assessment

## PLEASE JOIN US!

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) manages the Hawaiian Home Lands trust in order to develop and deliver land to native Hawaiians. DHHL is planning a new subsistence agricultural community on 766 acres in Honomū, South Hilo District, Island of Hawai'i. This will be the first new agricultural Hawaiian homestead community in almost 20 years.

Please join us at Beneficiary Meeting #1 to learn about this project, the planning schedule and process, and to share your initial thoughts for consideration in the development of the plan.

### **DHHL BENEFICIARY MEETING #1**

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Keaukaha Elementary School

240 Desha Avenue Hilo, HI 96720

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