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### **DHHL Breaks Ground for Kumuhau Street Subdivision in Waimanalo**

WAIMANALO, HAWAII--Governor Linda Lingle, Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, legislative leaders, other government and community leaders and future homeowners this morning joined the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) in breaking ground for infrastructure improvements for a 52-unit single-family subdivision on Kumuhau St. in Waimanalo, O‘ahu.

The Kumuhau Street Subdivision is located on 11.4 acres of Hawaiian home lands. The minimum lot size 5,000 square feet.

This project is being developed to coincide with the expansion of the Waimanalo Wastewater Treatment facility. The additional funding appropriated by the 2006 Legislature for the treatment facility allowed the department to proceed with this project.

“The funding for upgrading the treatment facility was requested by Governor Lingle and approved by the Legislature,” said Micah A. Kane, chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. “Without this upgrade, we wouldn’t have been able to proceed.”

The DHHL recently announced a financial partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) in which OHA Trustees granted \$3 million a year to cover up to 30 years of debt service for up to \$40 million in revenue bonds, which will bolster DHHL's construction budget.

“OHA’s commitment to the revenue bonds means all of our projects can be accelerated,” Kane said. “The statewide impact is great and our lessees will benefit from that partnership.”

“The collective success of this financial partnership will help our native Hawaiian beneficiaries and the citizens of Hawai‘i,” said OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona. “We are proud to be part of the opportunities to put more native Hawaiians on the land.”

"This financial partnership will allow generations of Hawaiians the chance to grow up in a home they own," Governor Lingle said. "The partnership will help everyone. The infusion of capital into the construction industry helps preserve jobs in all sectors of our economy."

The \$6.15 million project is being funded by the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Fund and Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Elite Pacific Construction, Inc. is the contractor with Akinaka & Associates, Ltd. as the engineering consultant and Fewell Geotechnical Engineering, Ltd. providing geotechnical consultant services.

Site improvements are expected to be completed by June 2009 with home construction to follow.

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