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TO: Honorable Garrett Toguchi, Chairperson
Board of Education

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SUBJECT: **Discussion and Recommendation to the Application to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), by Voyager School Foundation (VSF) Regarding Direct Lease of the Portion of Government Lands situated at Kaakaukui, Honolulu, Oahu, Identified by Tax Map Key: (1)-2-1-51: Portion of 9**

1. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Education (Board) oppose the application to DLNR by VSF for a direct lease on those government lands situated at Kaakaukui, Honolulu, Oahu TMK (1)-2-1-51:portion of 9.

2. **RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon Board approval.

3. **RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE**

Upon Board approval.

4. **DISCUSSION**

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation

On March 27, 2009, VSF submitted an application to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources through DLNR for a direct lease of the government lands situated at Kaakaukui, Honolulu, Oahu, identified by TMK: (1)-2-51: portion of 9. VSF is a Charter School looking for a permanent site for their school campus. The Hawaii

State Public Library System (HSPLS) has occupied the building located on this site (690 Pohukaina St.) for over 33 years and houses our Logistical Support Services (LSS) operations. LSS has 11 employees, maintains a central supply storeroom, provides mail collection/distribution, and intra-library loan deliveries for all 51 public libraries statewide. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) currently holds the revocable permit for this property and has allowed HSPLS and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) full use of this facility and surrounding areas including the parking lot. In spite of the strong opposition from HSPLS, HCDA and the DOE on VSF's first application for this property, DLNR has allowed them to submit this revised application. Please refer to the attached responses from each agency as well as the FLH.

- b. Previous Action of the Board on the same or similar matter

None.

- c. Other policies affected

None.

- d. Arguments in support of the recommendation

Refer to the attached responses from HSPLS, HCDA, and the DOE.

- e. Arguments against the recommendation

VSF is seeking a long term lease to construct their school campus. Please refer to the attached application.

- f. Findings and conclusions of the Board committee

None.

- g. Other agencies or departments of the State of Hawaii involved in the action

HCDA and the Department of Education (DOE) have strongly opposed this application.

- h. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendations

There will be considerable negative reaction from HSPLS, the FLH, DOE, and the HCDA if VSF acquires this lease. All 51 public libraries would be adversely affected by the shutting down or relocation of LSS, which would generate public outcry from all of our patrons as well.

i. Educational implication

None.

j. Personnel implications

Displacement of 11 HSPLS employees.

k. Facilities implications

We currently have no other available facility to operate from. See the attached HSPLS response.

l. Financial implications

We would need additional funding to relocate, renovate or construct a building/facility for our LSS operations. This may include lease rent if no other State buildings are available.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments