

**Statement of Principles
between
the State of Hawai'i
and
the Department of the Army**

This Statement of Principles ("Statement") is entered into on this 29th day of September, 2025, by and between the State of Hawai'i ("the State"), acting by and through the Office of the Governor, and the Department of the Army ("Army").

RECITALS

The recently approved Records of Decision expressly document the Army's need for continued use of training lands at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) and Kahuku Training Area to sustain national security priorities and mission readiness;

The State acknowledges the national security priorities involved and its need to protect its lands, so they remain accessible to and satisfy the aspirations of Hawai'i's people;

The State is resolved to advance economic, cultural, environmental, and infrastructure goals in alignment with the State's public responsibilities;

Both Parties recognize that cooperative approaches to land use and resource management can create benefits for Hawai'i's people while supporting enduring national security requirements; and

The Parties desire to explore a suitable land arrangement that satisfies their respective goals, results in an overall reduction of Army training lands, and leads to co-development of opportunities that balance operational readiness while significantly strengthening community wellbeing.

PRINCIPLES

The Parties individually and collectively express the following as principles:

Collaboration and Coordination

The Parties will:

- Engage in respectful dialogue with affected communities, agencies, and stakeholders.
- To the extent permitted by applicable law and policy, share relevant information, assessments, and appraisal information to evaluate the feasibility of a suitable land arrangement.
- Utilize designated points of contact to coordinate discussions and assess possible opportunities.
- Prioritize transparency.

Land Use

The Parties will explore the feasibility of land use that aligns national security and Army readiness needs with the State's priorities for public benefit. This effort may include, but is not limited to:

- Identifying lands that could potentially be conveyed to the State for public purposes.
- Identifying environmental and cultural resource considerations that may be pertinent to any proposed land use.
- Maximizing transparency with respect to Army's use and conservation of Hawai'i lands.

Areas of Potential Public Benefit

The Parties will explore potential initiatives that may provide immediate and broad community value and secure the needs of future generations, while ensuring national security missions continue to be met. These initiatives may include, but are not limited to:

- Prioritizing consideration of the transfer of certain lands – to include lands currently utilized by Army as recreational – to State stewardship, where such lands can provide significant public benefit, while ensuring national security missions continue to be met.
- Removing, to the extent practicable, unexploded ordnance and other military contaminants from Hawai'i lands under Army jurisdiction that have the potential to pose harm to the public.
- Infrastructure initiatives, such as improvements to transportation corridors and to electric, water, and wastewater systems.
- Energy opportunities that serve both Army resilience objectives and community needs.
- Expanded access to military installations for emergency use and community benefit.
- Improved capacity and conditions in public schools that serve military families.
- Use of apprenticeships, cooperative exchanges, and other workforce development pathways to increase representation of local small businesses and place-based knowledge in Army's sustainment and base-operation activities.
- Housing solutions that address both civilian and military demand through joint-development models and enhanced federal agency engagement.
- Cultural stewardship initiatives such as curation facilities and co-management arrangements for sensitive lands and sites.

Miscellaneous

This Statement is non-binding and does not create or imply any legally enforceable obligations or rights for any Party, entity, or individual. Any future binding agreements will be subject to applicable federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements. Final agreements shall only take effect once all required approvals have been obtained and are memorialized in written documents executed by both Parties.


This Statement neither documents nor provides for the exchange of funds or manpower between the Parties, nor does it make any commitment of funds or resources. No provision in this Statement will be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds.

This Statement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the Statement's subject matter and supersedes all prior oral and written discussions.

This Statement may be amended only by written consent of both Parties.


Either Party may terminate this Statement upon written notice to the other.

STATE OF HAWAII

By: 
Josh Green, M.D., Governor,
State of Hawai'i

Date: 9/29/25

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

By: 
The Honorable Dan Driscoll,
Secretary of the Army

Date: 29 SEP 25