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**GOVERNOR GREEN AND U.S. ARMY SECRETARY DRISCOLL
ANNOUNCE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

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HONOLULU — Governor Josh Green and Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll announced today that the state of Hawai'i and the U.S. Army have established a non-binding Statement of Principles on land use and areas of mutual benefit to the people of Hawai'i. This reflects a shared understanding of how the state and Army will continue discussions on protecting lands and supporting national security.

Governor Green emphasized that the statement represents a starting point rather than a binding agreement. “This is not a contract. It is a framework. It gives us a way to keep the conversation going and to show respect for both sides. Most importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i a voice in shaping what this process delivers for our communities.”

The Statement of Principles highlights that the state of Hawai'i and the Army will continue to discuss the following areas:

- Considering options to return land to the state of Hawai'i;
- Exploring ways to clean up unexploded ordnance and improve stewardship;
- Discussing federal support for housing, infrastructure and energy;

- Recognizing Hawai'i's role in national security and the importance of the local communities and culture.

“The military and our country needs Hawai'i. Hawai'i must also protect its land and culture. This Statement of Principles shows we can and will do both,” said Governor Green. “It opens the door for meaningful discussions about returning some areas for community use, clearing unexploded ordnance, as well as federal support for infrastructure, housing and the environment. It also recognizes that Hawai'i is central to security in the Pacific and for our nation.”

Governor Green and Secretary Driscoll anticipate working toward a Memorandum of Understanding by the end of this year, with the goal of outlining clear parameters for a suitable land arrangement and addressing the issues most important for Hawai'i's communities.

Governor Green also encouraged residents to share their constructive ideas on how federal support can best serve Hawai'i's future. For more information and to submit ideas, please visit [Engage.Hawaii.gov](https://engage.hawaii.gov).

The signed Statement of Principles can be found [here](#).

Photos, courtesy of the Office of the Governor, can be found [here](#).

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