

**Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment (DOH/OEQC)**  
**Hawaii Department of Health**  
**Office of Environmental Quality Control**

**Purpose:** To propose the use of state or county lands, or lands within conservation districts, shoreline area, historic sites, or in the Waikiki Special District; to propose amendments to county general plans; or to propose a wastewater system, waste-to-energy facility, landfill, oil refinery, or power generating facility according to HRS Chapter 343-5.

**Approval Authority:**

**Potential Approval Prerequisites:**

**References (not all inclusive):** Hawaii Administrative Rules §11-200; Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343-5  
**Fees:**

**Website Links:**

- For information regarding Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment under Chapter 343 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, See Website for the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC):  
<http://health.hawaii.gov/oeqc/>

**Estimated Time for Permit Approval Decision from Application Acceptance:** See Checklist / Process below

**Special Conditions / Requirements for Renewable Energy Projects:**

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<b>Checklist / Process</b>	<b>Chronology</b>
1. Begin Draft Environmental Assessment Process (EA). The EA shall contain all information listed in <b>Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §11-200-10</b> .	
2. Agency/Applicant consults community and experts	
3. Draft EA reviewed and accepted by Accepting Agency.	
4. Draft EA submitted to OEQC with the <b>OEQC Publication Form</b> . OEQC publishes notice of Draft EA	
5. Public review and comment period.	
6. Agency/Applicant review comments.	
7. Begin Final EA Process.	
8. Draft EA revised and finalized, comments answered	
9. Agency accepts Final EA and issues one of the following notices of determination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Preparation Notice – If it is determined that the proposed action may have a significant effect the applicant must continue with Steps 11-31.</li> <li>• Negative Declaration – If it is determined that the proposed action is not likely to have a significant effect, then and EIS is not required and Steps 11-31 are not necessary</li> </ul>	

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10. Begin EIS Preparation Notice Process	
11. Agency/Applicant consults community and experts	
12. EIS Preparation Notice reviewed and accepted by agency.	
13. EIS Preparation Notice submitted to OEQC with the <b>OEQC Publication Form</b> . OEQC publishes notice of EIS Preparation Notice	
14. Public review and comment period.	30 days
15. Agency/ Applicant review comments.	
16. Begin Draft EIS process. The Draft EIS shall contain all information listed in <b>HAR §11-200-17</b>	
17. Applicant performs required studies and answers any comments	
18. Agency Accepts Draft EIS	
19. Draft EIS submitted to OEQC with the <b>OEQC Publication Form</b> . OEQC publishes notice of Draft EIS.	
20. Public review and comment period.	
21. Agency/ Applicant review comments.	
22. Begin Final EIS process by drafting the Final EIS. The Final EIS shall contain all information listed in <b>HAR §11-200-18</b>	
23. Final EIS submitted to Agency with the <b>OEQC Publication Form</b> . OEQC publishes availability of Final EIS.	
24. Accepting Authority accepts or rejects Final EIS. OEQC publishes notice of acceptance or non-acceptance of Final EIS	
25. Appeal period to challenge acceptance or non-acceptance of Final EIS.	60 days

**Estimated Time:** Varies depending on the timelines involved in the EA/EIS determination and other activities.

**NOTE:** If a proposed project is subject to both the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the state/county EIS/EA process, then the office and agencies shall reduce duplication of requirements to the fullest extent possible as described in **HAR §11-200-25**.