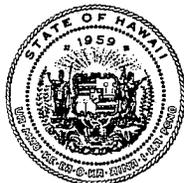


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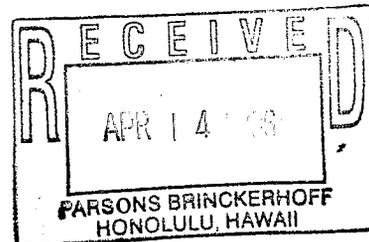
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Dear Ms. Ohtomo:

Subject: Proposed High-Capacity Transit Improvements From Kapolei to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Island of Oahu, Protected Species Information Request.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your subject request. DOFAW does not develop botanical surveys for consultants requesting information on endangered species. The Ewa-Kapolei-Kalaeloa region is known to have endangered plants scattered throughout this area. The endangered plants are: 1) *Achyranthes splendens spp rotundata* 2) *Chamaesyce skottsbergii* and 3) *Abutilon menziesii*. We recommend that a biological plant survey be included in an Environmental Impact Statement along the proposed transportation corridor by a trained Botanist. Following a review of the EIS, DOFAW will provide recommendations for mitigating endangered plants along this corridor. Thank you for allowing us to comment on your project. Any questions regarding the endangered species listed here can be requested by calling Ms. Vickie Caraway, State Botanist at 587-0165.

Sincerely yours,

Paul J. Conry
Administrator

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