Project is Proposed
Agency consultation and assessment

Agency Anticipates A FONSI

Begin Draft EA Process
Agency / Applicant consult community and experts
DEA reviewed and approved by agency
OEQC publishes notice of DEA
30-Day Public Comment Period

Begin Final EA Process
Agency/Applicant review comments
DEA revised to address comments and finalized
Agency Approves FEA
FEA and FONSI determination submitted to OEQC
OEQC publishes notice of FEA and FONSI
30-Day Legal Challenge Period

Hawaii’s Environmental Review Process

Direct to EIS, Act 172-2012:
Determination based on an agency’s judgment and experience

Begin EISPN process
Agency/Applicant consults community and experts
EISPN reviewed and approved by agency
EISPN submitted to OEQC
OEQC publishes notice of EISPN
30-Day Public Comment Period

Begin Draft EIS Process
Agency/Applicant Review Comments
Studies performed, comments addressed
Agency Approves DEIS
Draft EIS submitted to OEQC
OEQC publishes notice of DEIS
45-Day Public Comment Period

Begin FEIS Process
Agency/Applicant Review Comments
DEIS revised and finalized, comments addressed
FEIS submitted to Agency
OEQC publishes availability of FEIS
Accepting Authority Rejects FEIS
OEQC publishes notice of non-acceptance
60-Day Appeal Period

If Final EIS is deficient
Accepting Authority Accepts FEIS
OEQC publishes notice of acceptance
60-Day Legal Challenge

Acronym Key:
DEA- Draft Environmental Assessment
FEA- Final Environmental Assessment
FONSI- Finding of No Significant Impacts
EISPN- Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice
DEIS- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
FEIS- Final Environmental Impact Statement