

Kakaako Kauhale (550 Halekauwila)

Project Summary

Background

The Department of Human Services (DHS), through the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS), is leasing the property at 550 Halekauwila Street for kauhale project purposes. SOHHS is also partnering with the Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) to provide a small office space for dispatch staff, which will help to improve law enforcement presence in the area. The facility has been vacated by former tenants and SOHHS will be contracting for tenant improvements and renovations shortly.

Project Information

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| Target population: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homeless adults• Must be capable of independent living and adherence to program rules• Must be willing to participate in supportive services and housing navigation |
| Number of units: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 45 single rooms with shared bathrooms and cooking facilities |
| Service provider/operator: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD, but will be an agency with demonstrated experience in operating residential facilities• DLE will have dispatch staff and supervisors stationed on the bottom level of the building |
| Type of housing: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temporary• Residents will be provided supportive services to help them stabilize and transition to more permanent housing opportunities |
| Project timeline: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renovations will commence in the summer of 2026• Planning to open the site by the end of 2026 or early in 2027 |

Next Steps

SOHHS is working with its pre-development partner to finalize schematic plans for the site. Renovations will be performed by a licensed contractor. SOHHS has engaged in direct discussions with neighboring businesses and will continue to provide updates when additional information is available. We hope that the inclusion of a DLE substation will deter loitering and nuisance activities in the area, which have been identified as ongoing concerns.