

ACT 26

H.B. NO. 3317

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Lands.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the public interest to enter a public auction sale, in fee simple, of the Mabel Smyth Memorial Auditorium Building and property situate at Auwailimu and Puowaina, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

The land is approximately 28,213 square feet in size and is identified as Tax Map Key (TMK) No. (1)2-1-35:01. It is in the public interest for the State to conduct a public auction sale, in fee simple, of the Mabel Smyth Memorial Auditorium Building and property for office and other business uses.

The proposed public auction sale is a result of a request submitted by The Queen Emma Foundation to purchase the Mabel Smyth property for The Queen's Medical Center's business use. The Foundation stated that the largest auditorium facility on the Medical Center's campus comprises just seventy-five seats which is inadequate for the Medical Center's business. Each month, the Medical Center offers a variety of health education classes to the community, for example, workshops on diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, first aid, anger management, stress, and parenting. Arrangements must be made for local, national and international experts to lecture and make presentations to the public as well as the more than one thousand members of the Medical Center's staff. The Mabel Smyth Memorial Auditorium, with its three hundred thirty-eight seat capacity, adjacent classrooms, and office space would solve a number of the Medical Center's education, training, meeting, and office space needs.

After a review of the State's space requirements and all available data, on December 12, 1997, the board of land and natural resources approved a public auction sale of the Mabel Smyth Memorial Auditorium Building and property. The upset price is \$5,000,000.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 171-41(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature approves the public auction sale, in fee simple, of the Mabel Smyth Memorial Auditorium Building and property situate at Auwailimu and Puowaina, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, more particularly identified as TMK No. (1)2-1-35:01.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 23, 1998.)