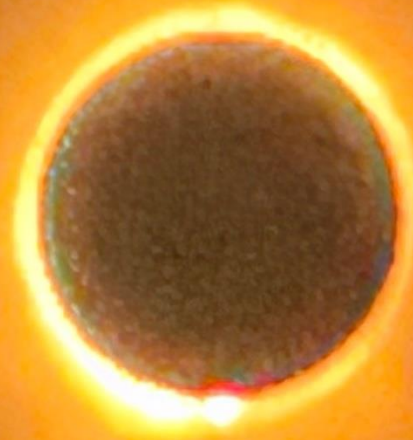


# Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority

## Sept 10, 2026



**UH Master Plan Amendment Update**

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# ALIGNING THE MASTER PLAN TO SUPPORT SITE RE-USE CONSISTENT WITH ACT 255

## Act 255 (§-6)

“(d) The authority shall be responsible for the establishment of a framework for astronomy-related development on Mauna Kea. The framework may include:

(2) Prioritizing the reuse of footprints of observatories that are scheduled for decommissioning, or have been decommissioned, as sites for facilities or improvements over the use of undeveloped lands for such purposes;”

## UH Maunakea Master Plan 2022

“Five of the 14 astronomy sites that existed in 2020 will be ineligible for future astronomy facility use once the existing astronomy facilities on them have been decommissioned. They may be considered for non-astronomy uses consistent with this Master Plan’s framework.”  
(Section 4.1.2)

# Act 53 Amending Act 255

- ❖ Transition date extended to 12/1/29
- ❖ 2 Reversion dates:
  - 6/30/28 Adopt Management Plan
  - 12/31/29 Submit Admin Rules
- ❖ Existing UH plans and rules “remain in force and effect” until replaced by MKSOA’s

- ❖ “Notwithstanding any provision herein or any other law to the contrary, title to the Mauna Kea lands shall remain with the State. The board of land and natural resources shall retain the leased-fee interest or fee interest.”
- ❖ During the transition period MKSOA is granted authority to extend existing leases for up to 10 years with an exemption from Ch 343 requirements
- ❖ CDUPs run with the land

# AMENDMENT PROCESS

## Sections Reviewed:

- ❖ 4.1.2 UH Commitments
- ❖ 2.4.3 Decommissioning and Site Restoration
- ❖ 4.3.2.2 Decommissioning
- ❖ 7.2 Guidelines for New Astronomy Facilities
- ❖ Table 4.2 Modification and Site Recycling
- ❖ Appendix E Process for Determining Leases Needed Post-2033 and other related provisions

Identify  
Collateral  
Issues

Develop  
Amendment(s)

Est: 8mos–1.5yrs

Launched: 2/26

Goal: BOR  
Approval 10/26

Consult with  
Advisory Groups

Konveio (digital  
feedback  
platform)

# Amendments

## Overview



Updated sections related to astronomy decommissioning and site reuse, including guidelines for new astronomy facilities.



Updated sections related to guidelines for new astronomy facilities on previously used sites.

## Sections

- ❖ **Section 4.1.2** UH Commitments is the first section with proposed revisions. For context, Chapter 4 addresses the Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Section 4.1 addresses the MKSR's Planning Context.
- ❖ **Section 4.3.2** Astronomy Decommissionings and Section 4.3.3 Continued Operation, Modifying, and/or Recycling Astronomy Sites and Facilities are the next sections with proposed revisions. For context, Chapter 4 addresses the Mauna Kea Science Reserve and Section 4.3 addresses Education, Research, and Astronomy Facilities.
- ❖ **Section 7.2** Guidelines Applicable to New Astronomy Facilities in the MKSR is the next section with proposed revisions. For context, Chapter 7 addresses Design Guidelines.
- ❖ Minor revisions are proposed in **Appendix E**.

## Outcomes

- ❖ Changes limited to the UH Master Plan only
- ❖ UH commitments to astronomy footprint (N=9) and decommissioning remain unchanged
- ❖ TMT CDUP conditions remain unchanged
- ❖ Decommissioning process/subplan remain unchanged

## [Online Feedback Form](#)

Konveio: Previously used to gather feedback for the 2022 UH Master Plan and CMP Updates.



Only includes sections of the Master Plan that have been amended. Links to the full version of the UH Master Plan and Frequently Asked Questions included.



You can review the changes without registering but if you want to provide comments you will need to register with Konveio. Instructions included on the homepage.



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A photograph of a volcanic eruption at night. A large, bright orange and yellow plume of smoke and ash rises from a dark, silhouetted landscape. In the upper left, a bright blue, ethereal glow, possibly an aurora or a light reflection, is visible against the dark sky. The foreground is dark, with some faint, scattered light reflecting off the ground.

# Questions

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