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DPP releases annual report on the status of land use

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has released its annual report on the status of land use on O‘ahu for fiscal year ending 2017.

The report focuses on population trends, housing construction activities, land use approvals, status of major improvements to city infrastructure, and other trends relating to the city’s eight development and sustainable communities plans. The information is intended to help the City Council, private development community, and interested citizens understand how growth is occurring and how the development objectives of the city are being met.

Some of the highlights of the 2017 report:

- Based on projects in the development pipeline and projects announced by developers, the current shortage of 8,500 units is expected to gradually decline, and the projection is a surplus of 12,000 units by 2040.
- The population distribution continues to trend in a direction consistent with General Plan policies.
- The share of low-income households experiencing severe housing cost burden continues to increase. These households’ share increased by 9 percentage points over the past 6 years.

“The inputs received from developers show optimism for the future in that overall supply will significantly grow, but the need for lower income housing will continue to be a challenge,” said Kathy Sokugawa, DPP acting director.

A copy of the report is available at <https://bit.ly/2tSGr1W>.