

# Sheraton Princess Kaiulani project to take 1,100 hotel rooms out of Waikiki circulation

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Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts expects to begin work on a \$500 million redevelopment of the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani hotel next summer, which would take some 1,100 hotel rooms out of circulation in the heart of Waikiki.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reports the hotel is expected to close Aug. 1 for the project, which could take three years to complete once construction begins, according to Kelly Sanders, area managing director, Waikiki, for Starwood Hotels and Resorts, who said the 350 hotel employees who will be displaced by the project are already being given the opportunity to apply at one of Kyo-ya's three other Starwood properties in Waikiki, the Sheraton Waikiki, The Royal Hawaiian and the Moana Surfrider.

The project has been delayed since it was first announced back in 2006, when Kyo-ya said it would demolish nearly everything on the aging Princess Kaiulani property, which sits on the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kaiulani Street, except for the Ainahau hotel tower, which would receive an extensive makeover. Plans call for a new, 350-foot tower on the Princess Kaiulani property that would consist of hotel and condominium units.

Kyo-ya also plans to replace the aging beachfront tower Diamond Head of the Moana Surfrider hotel with a new hotel tower, but those plans have also been delayed.

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