

HONOLULU HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

TMK: **23039023**

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Hawaiian Life Building**

Sector: **27 Ala Moana Center Station
Sector**

Location: **1319 KAPIOLANI BLVD**

Owner: **K J L ASSOCIATES**

Station Block: **Ala Moana Station Block**

Date-Original: **1951**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Offices/ Commercial on ground floor**

Architectural Description:

This building has a six-story main section with a flat-roofed two-story wing extending perpendicular. The six-story section has tall vertical louvers forming a sunscreen which reach from the second floor to the sixth. The louvers are painted in graduated shades of the seven colors of the spectrum. There are 28 vertical louvers on the front facade of the building and sixteen on the rear side. A cantilevered canopy protects the metal-framed storefronts of the six-story section. The two-story section has metal-framed storefronts at the first floor which are protected by the second-story overhang, supported by plain cylindrical columns. A concrete half-turn stair with a thin metal railing leads to a second-floor entry in this wing. A narrow band of windows protected by a downturned canopy extends from the second floor entry to the six-story main section. A cantilevered concrete canopy is over the second-floor entry.

Integrity:

Building retains high integrity.

Significance:

Criterion "C" - representing the work of a master architect of Hawaii, Vladimir Ossipoff. This building was completed in 1951, about five years before Vladimir Ossipoff was named a fellow of the American Institute of Architects (1956). It represents his commercial design work of the early 1950s and is an important example of the work of this prominent Hawaii architect. Wayne F. Owens assisted Ossipoff on the design.

