
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness has
2 been increasing rapidly in Hawaii and that the State has opened
3 several new shelters. In spite of efforts by government and
4 nonprofit organizations to provide overnight shelter to homeless
5 persons, there are still many homeless individuals who sleep in
6 public parks, along sidewalks, and other similar areas.

7 The legislature further finds that native Hawaiians
8 constitute a substantial percentage of the homeless population
9 of Hawaii. In fact, nearly forty per cent of the homeless
10 population is native Hawaiian. Many of these individuals choose
11 not to use homeless shelters because their lifestyles conflict
12 with shelter rules.

13 The purpose of this Act is to address the disproportionate
14 number of native Hawaiians among the State's homeless by
15 requiring the department of Hawaiian home lands to develop a
16 pilot program to establish a kanaka village for homeless native
17 Hawaiians.



1 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the
2 contrary, the department of Hawaiian home lands shall develop
3 and implement a pilot program to establish a kanaka village for
4 native Hawaiians who are homeless. The department of Hawaiian
5 home lands shall:

6 (1) Collaborate with the office of Hawaiian affairs and
7 the Hawaii public housing authority to develop and
8 implement the program;

9 (2) Designate the island on which to establish the kanaka
10 village; and

11 (3) Establish the kanaka village on Hawaiian home lands.

12 (b) For the purposes of this Act, "kanaka village" means a
13 community where native Hawaiians who are homeless may live in
14 tents and subsist off the land using traditional Hawaiian
15 methods of sustainability.

16 SECTION 3. The department of Hawaiian home lands, in
17 consultation with the office of Hawaiian affairs and the Hawaii
18 public housing authority, shall report to the legislature, no
19 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
20 session of 2012, regarding actions taken for the pilot program
21 and whether the pilot program should be extended to establish
22 additional kanaka villages throughout the State. The report



1 shall include any pertinent information, recommendations, and
2 necessary proposed legislation.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DHHL; OHA; Homeless; Pilot Program; Kanaka Village

Description:

Requires DHHL to develop a pilot program to establish a kanaka village for homeless native Hawaiians. Effective July 1, 2050.
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