
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRODUCTION OF RECORDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established a five-member Native Hawaiian
4 roll commission within the office of Hawaiian affairs for
5 administrative purposes only. The Native Hawaiian roll
6 commission shall be responsible for:

7 (1) Preparing and maintaining a roll of qualified Native
8 Hawaiians;

9 (2) Certifying that the individuals on the roll of
10 qualified Native Hawaiians meet the definition of
11 qualified Native Hawaiians. For purposes of
12 establishing the roll, a "qualified Native Hawaiian"
13 means an individual [~~who~~] whom the commission
14 determines has satisfied the following criteria and
15 who makes a written statement certifying that the
16 individual:



- 1 (A) Is:
- 2 (i) An individual who is a descendant of the
- 3 aboriginal peoples who, prior to 1778,
- 4 occupied and exercised sovereignty in the
- 5 Hawaiian islands, the area that now
- 6 constitutes the State of Hawaii; [~~or~~]
- 7 (ii) An individual who is one of the indigenous,
- 8 native people of Hawaii and who was eligible
- 9 in 1921 for the programs authorized by the
- 10 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, or a
- 11 direct lineal descendant of that individual;
- 12 or
- 13 (iii) An individual who meets the ancestry
- 14 requirements of Kamehameha Schools or of any
- 15 Hawaiian registry program of the office of
- 16 Hawaiian affairs;
- 17 (B) Has maintained a significant cultural, social, or
- 18 civic connection to the Native Hawaiian community
- 19 and wishes to participate in the organization of
- 20 the Native Hawaiian governing entity; and
- 21 (C) Is eighteen years of age or older; [~~and~~]



1 (3) Receiving and maintaining documents that verify
2 ancestry; cultural, social, or civic connection to the
3 Native Hawaiian community; and age from individuals
4 seeking to be included in the roll of qualified Native
5 Hawaiians. Notwithstanding any other law to the
6 contrary, these verification documents shall be
7 confidential[-]; and

8 (4) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
9 including in the roll of qualified Native Hawaiians
10 all individuals already registered with the State as
11 verified Hawaiians or Native Hawaiians through the
12 office of Hawaiian affairs as demonstrated by the
13 production of relevant office of Hawaiian affairs
14 records, and extending to those individuals all rights
15 and recognitions conferred upon other members of the
16 roll."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



Report Title:

Native Hawaiians; Recognition; Native Hawaiian Roll Commission

Description:

Amends the definition of "qualified Native Hawaiian" to include individuals who meet certain expanded ancestry requirements. Specifies that the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission is responsible for certifying as qualified Native Hawaiians for enrollment purposes all individuals already registered as Hawaiians or Native Hawaiians through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB785 CD1)

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