
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certain native
2 Hawaiians who are eligible for a lease pursuant to the Hawaiian
3 Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, have acquired a lease,
4 sold or transferred their interest in the lease, and then placed
5 their name on the waitlist for a second lease of Hawaiian home
6 lands. This has contributed to many otherwise eligible native
7 Hawaiians never receiving a lease offer.

8 The legislature believes that a department of Hawaiian home
9 lands beneficiary should be able to enter the Hawaiian Homes
10 Commission Act program with a reasonable expectation of
11 eventually receiving a lease.

12 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit lessees who sell or
13 transfer their interest in a Hawaiian home lands tract from
14 obtaining a subsequent lease for the same class of land, with
15 certain exceptions.



1 SECTION 2. Section 207, Hawaiian Homes Commission Act,
2 1920, as amended, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read
3 as follows:

4 "(a) The department is authorized to lease to native
5 Hawaiians the right to the use and occupancy of a tract or
6 tracts of Hawaiian home lands within the following acreage
7 limits per each lessee: (1) not more than forty acres of
8 agriculture lands or lands used for aquaculture purposes; or (2)
9 not more than one hundred acres of irrigated pastoral lands and
10 not more than one thousand acres of other pastoral lands; or (3)
11 not more than one acre of any class of land to be used as a
12 residence lot; provided that in the case of any existing lease
13 of a farm lot in the Kalaniana'ole Settlement on Molokai, a
14 residence lot may exceed one acre but shall not exceed four
15 acres in area, the location of such area to be selected by the
16 department; provided further that a lease granted to any lessee
17 may include two detached farm lots or aquaculture lots, as the
18 case may be, located on the same island and within a reasonable
19 distance of each other, one of which, to be designated by the
20 department, shall be occupied by the lessee as the lessee's
21 home, the gross acreage of both lots not to exceed the maximum



1 acreage of an agricultural, pastoral, or aquacultural lot, as
2 the case may be, as provided in this section. If the lessee
3 sells or transfers the lessee's interest in the lease in a
4 manner authorized by this Act, the lessee shall be ineligible to
5 receive a subsequent lease for the same class of land, unless:

6 (1) The subsequent lease is acquired pursuant to section
7 209; or

8 (2) The prior lease interest held by the lessee was a
9 partial interest held with another lessee or lessees."

10 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
12 begun before its effective date.

13 SECTION 4. The provisions of the amendments made by this
14 Act to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, are
15 declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause,
16 or phrase, or the application thereof to any person or
17 circumstances is held ineffective because there is a requirement
18 of having the consent of the United States to take effect, then
19 that portion only shall take effect upon the granting of consent
20 by the United States and effectiveness of the remainder of these
21 amendments or the application thereof shall not be affected.



1 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
3 the governor of the State of Hawaii with the consent of the
4 United States Congress.

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Description:

Prohibits lessees who sell or transfer land from obtaining subsequent leases of the same class of land unless the subsequent lease is acquired pursuant to section 209 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, or the prior lease interest held by the lessee was a partial interest held with another lessee or lessees.

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