
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 while basic
2 department of Hawaiian home lands applicant waiting lists are
3 available for download on the department's website, the exact
4 details of each applicant, including whether the person has
5 applied for multiple leases, been denied a prior lease, or been
6 skipped over, are not readily accessible, even for department
7 staff. Beneficiary records of the department of Hawaiian home
8 lands are spread across multiple locations. If a beneficiary
9 seeks to determine his or her status, finding and gathering that
10 information can take weeks. This lack of organization has led
11 to some lessees abusing the program by selling or transferring
12 their leases and reapplying for a subsequent lease.

13 The legislature further finds that compiling applicant
14 information into a single database will help increase the
15 efficiency of the department of Hawaiian home lands and reduce
16 lease award abuse by lessees.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
2 Hawaiian home lands to digitize its beneficiary waiting lists
3 and other related data.

4 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands, with the
5 assistance of the office of enterprise technology services,
6 shall create a digital database of its applicant, beneficiary,
7 and lessee records. The database shall contain relevant
8 information on each individual's homestead lease application
9 status, number of applications, address, number of denied
10 leases, designated successors, history of whether the individual
11 obtained a lease as an applicant or as a successor, and other
12 information as determined by the Hawaiian homes commission.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the vacancy
14 savings of the department of Hawaiian home lands the sum of
15 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be
17 necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the department of
18 Hawaiian home lands to create a digital database pursuant to
19 this Act.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
21 of Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; DHHL; Beneficiary List; Database; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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