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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES.

**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 interactive database will increase  
15 efficiency within the department of Hawaiian home lands and  
16 reduce lease award abuse by lessees.



The purpose of this Act is to require the department of Hawaiian home lands to create an interactive digital database software program compiling information from its beneficiary waiting lists and other related data.

SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands, with the assistance of the office of enterprise technology services, shall create an interactive digital database software program of its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records. The interactive digital database software program shall contain relevant information on each individual's homestead lease application status, number of applications, address, number of denied leases, designated successors, history of obtaining leases as an applicant or as a successor, and other information as determined by the Hawaiian homes commission.

The interactive digital database software program required by this Act shall be completed and available for use by the department of Hawaiian home lands no later than July 1, 2023.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 2567

**Report Title:**

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Beneficiary List; Database

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records by creating an interactive digital database software program to be completed and available for use no later than July 1, 2023.

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