
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2019, about
2 28,500 native Hawaiian adults were on the waitlist for
3 residential, farming, or ranching homesteads. The homeless
4 crisis in Hawaii is already poor, ranking third in the country
5 for the state with the most homeless people per 10,000 residents
6 in 2020. The waitlist backlog only exacerbates this statistic
7 that already disproportionately affects native Hawaiians.

8 The legislature finds that even at the end of 2021, the
9 number of native Hawaiians on the waitlist has not significantly
10 decreased despite plans to build more lots on Hawaiian
11 homelands. To date, more than two thousand native Hawaiian
12 beneficiaries have died while on the waitlist. Furthermore, due
13 to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, those waiting who are
14 not homeless are struggling to pay rent to the point where a
15 federal government stimulus package offered relief specifically
16 for those native Hawaiians on the waitlist. The department of
17 Hawaiian home lands must ameliorate this situation.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
2 Hawaiian home lands to address the housing requirements of those
3 on the waitlist who have been waiting for promised housing.

4 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands shall
5 build sufficient rental housing including apartment units and
6 rent-with-option-to-buy housing units, to satisfy the housing
7 needs of those native Hawaiians currently on the waitlist for
8 homestead leases.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Housing Waitlist

Description:

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to build rental units, apartments, and rent-with-option-to-buy housing units to address the housing needs of native Hawaiians on the waitlist for homestead leases. (SD1)

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