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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 there are
2 approximately twenty four thousand native Hawaiian beneficiaries
3 on the department of Hawaiian home lands waitlist. The
4 legislature further finds that the department of Hawaiian home
5 lands does not possess sufficient land to house everyone on the
6 waitlist. The legislature also finds that the largest demand
7 for lots is on Oahu, but the department's land holdings on Oahu
8 are limited.

9 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to shorten the
10 waitlist by allowing the department of Hawaiian home lands to
11 provide a beneficiary with a cash award to purchase a
12 residential lot outside of department of Hawaiian home lands
13 trust lands or to pay the beneficiary's existing mortgage note
14 or rent in lieu of awarding the beneficiary a lease.

15 SECTION 2. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as
16 amended, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately
17 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§ _____ Cash award to beneficiaries. The department
2 of Hawaiian home lands may expend funds to provide a cash award
3 of \$ _____ to a beneficiary on the waitlist for the purchase
4 of a residential lot in fee simple located outside of the
5 department's trust lands, or to pay the beneficiary's existing
6 mortgage note or rent. The department shall remove from the
7 waitlist any beneficiary that accepts a cash award."

8 SECTION 3. The provisions of the amendments made by this
9 Act to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, are
10 declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause,
11 or phrase, or the application thereof to any person or
12 circumstances is held ineffective because there is a requirement
13 of having the consent of the United States to take effect, then
14 that portion only shall take effect upon the granting of consent
15 by the United States and effectiveness of the remainder of these
16 amendments or the application thereof shall not be affected.

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2640

Report Title:

HHCA; DHHL; Cash Award; Waitlist; Mortgage; Rent; Residential Lots

Description:

Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide cash awards to beneficiaries on the waitlist in lieu of a lease. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to remove those beneficiaries from the waitlist.

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