
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§26-17 Department of Hawaiian home lands. (a) The
4 department of Hawaiian home lands shall be headed by an
5 executive board to be known as the Hawaiian homes commission.

6 The commission shall be composed of nine members. The
7 appointment, tenure, and removal of the members and the filling
8 of vacancies on the commission shall be in accordance with
9 section 26-34 and section 202(a) of the Hawaiian Homes
10 Commission Act of 1920, as amended. The governor shall appoint
11 the chairperson of the commission from among the members
12 thereof.

13 The commission may delegate to the chairperson such duties,
14 powers, and authority, or so much thereof as may be lawful or
15 proper, for the performance of the functions vested in the
16 commission.



1 The chairperson of the board shall serve in a full-time
2 capacity and shall perform such duties, and exercise such powers
3 and authority, or so much thereof as may be delegated to the
4 chairperson by the board.

5 The department shall administer the Hawaiian Homes
6 Commission Act of 1920 as set forth in the Constitution of the
7 State and by law.

8 The functions and authority heretofore exercised by the
9 Hawaiian homes commission as heretofore constituted are
10 transferred to the department of Hawaiian home lands established
11 by this chapter.

12 (b) The department may appoint or retain by contract one
13 or more attorneys who are independent of the attorney general to
14 provide legal services for the department or commission in cases
15 where the attorney general lacks sufficient expertise; provided
16 that the independent attorney shall consult and work in
17 conjunction with the designated deputy attorney generally
18 assigned to the department.

19 (c) The department may fix the compensation of any
20 attorneys appointed or retained pursuant to subsection (b).



1 Attorneys appointed or retained by contract shall be exempt from
2 chapters 76, 78, and 88."

3 SECTION 2. No later than _____, the department of
4 Hawaiian home lands shall amend its administrative rules in
5 accordance with this Act.

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Permits the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to appoint independent counsel in certain circumstances. Requires the Department to amend its administrative rules accordingly.

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