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# 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. The legislature finds that according to a  
2 survey conducted by the department of Hawaiian home lands in  
3 2022, more than twenty-eight thousand native Hawaiian  
4 beneficiaries are currently on the homestead lease waiting list.  
5 The legislature further finds that when beneficiaries on the  
6 homestead lease waiting list pass away prior to receiving a  
7 lease award, the beneficiary also loses the ability to have  
8 their heirs succeed to a lease.

9           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the  
10 department of Hawaiian home lands to administer a lease award  
11 program for beneficiaries on the waiting list who are elderly or  
12 terminally ill and provide those beneficiaries with an option to  
13 designate a qualified successor.

14           SECTION 2. (a) The department of Hawaiian home lands may  
15 administer a lease award program for beneficiaries on the  
16 waiting list who are:

17           (1) Sixty years old or older; or



1           (2) Terminally ill;  
2 provided that the beneficiary on the waiting list may designate  
3 a successor upon receipt of the lease award.

4           (b) The department of Hawaiian home lands shall adopt  
5 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
6 administer this Act within one year of the effective date of  
7 this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 2435

**Report Title:**

DHHL; Beneficiaries; Lease Awards; Successors

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to administer a Lease Award Program for beneficiaries on the homestead lease waiting list who are sixty years old or older or terminally ill, under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to adopt rules by a certain date.

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