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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established a Hawaiian homestead  
2 community self-governance task force within the department of  
3 Hawaiian home lands for administrative purposes only. The task  
4 force shall begin the process of implementing the provisions of  
5 section 201.6 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920,  
6 relating to community-based governance on Hawaiian home lands.  
7 The task force shall be composed of the following members or  
8 their respective designees:

9           (1) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission of  
10           the department of Hawaiian home lands;

11           (2) The chairperson of the State Council of Hawaiian  
12           Homestead Associations;

13           (3) A member designated by and representing each Hawaiian  
14           Homestead ahupua'a on Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui,  
15           Lanai, and Hawaii;

16           (4) A member designated by and representing Hui Kakoo Aina  
17           Ho'opulapula;



- 1           (5) The president of the Council for Native Hawaiian  
2            Advancement;
- 3           (6) The chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
- 4           (7) The chairperson of the Association of Hawaiian Civic  
5            Clubs.

6 A majority of the task force members shall select a chairperson  
7 from among the members. Task force members shall serve without  
8 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
9 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

10           (b) The task force shall review the steps necessary for  
11 the State, subject to the consent of the Congress of the United  
12 States, to delegate to a democratically-elected Hawaiian  
13 homestead community self-governance organization, authority  
14 relating to the administration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission  
15 Act, 1920, pursuant to section 201.6 of the Hawaiian Homes  
16 Commission Act, 1920. The study shall identify:

- 17           (1) The administrative powers and responsibilities that  
18            the Hawaiian homes commission may consider delegating  
19            to a democratically-elected Hawaiian homestead  
20            community self-governance organization, including the  
21            governmental services that the organization may be  
22            empowered to perform for its homestead community;



- 1           (2) Criteria that may be used to determine the boundaries  
2                   and location of a Hawaiian homestead community;
- 3           (3) Criteria that may be used to determine whether a  
4                   Hawaiian homestead community self-governance  
5                   organization is eligible for delegation of Hawaiian  
6                   homes commission administrative authority;
- 7           (4) Methods or procedures by which a Hawaiian homestead  
8                   community may establish a Hawaiian homestead community  
9                   self-governance organization that meets the criteria  
10                  for delegation of Hawaiian homes commission  
11                  administrative authority;
- 12          (5) Contractual requirements necessary to ensure that any  
13                  governmental service to be performed by a Hawaiian  
14                  homestead community self-governance organization by  
15                  contract with the Hawaiian homes commission will be  
16                  performed at a level and quality comparable to the  
17                  services that would otherwise be provided by the  
18                  department of Hawaiian home lands;
- 19          (6) Any implementing rules the department of Hawaiian home  
20                  lands should adopt in accordance with chapter 91; and



1           (7) Any other guidelines or other matters that would  
2                   facilitate implementation of section 201.6 of the  
3                   Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

4           (c) The task force shall submit its findings and  
5           recommendations to the legislature, including any proposed  
6           legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7           the regular session of 2008.

8           (d) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2008.

9           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the native  
10           Hawaiian rehabilitation fund established under section 213 of  
11           the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, the sum of \$        or so  
12           much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for  
13           the operations of the Hawaiian homestead community self-  
14           governance task force.

15           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16           Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

17           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaiian Homestead Community Self-Governance Task Force

**Description:**

Establishes a task force on Hawaiian homestead community self-governance to begin the process of delegating authority for the administration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, to Hawaiian homestead community self-governance organizations.  
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