

GOV. MSG. NO. 1185

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR

April 26, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker and Members of the House Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 26, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2386 SD2 HD2

RELATING TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN ROLL COMMISSION. **Act 084 (12)**

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawaii

S.B. NO.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN ROLL COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as 3 follows: "[+]\$10H-3[+] Native Hawaiian roll commission. (a) 4 There 5 is established a five-member Native Hawaiian roll commission within the office of Hawaiian affairs for administrative 6 7 purposes only. The Native Hawaiian roll commission shall be 8 responsible for: 9 (1) Preparing and maintaining a roll of qualified Native 10 Hawaiians; [and]

- 11 Certifying that the individuals on the roll of (2) 12 qualified Native Hawaiians meet the definition of 13 qualified Native Hawaiians. For purposes of 14 establishing the roll, a "qualified Native Hawaiian" means an individual who the commission determines has 15 satisfied the following criteria and who makes a 16 17 written statement certifying that the individual:
 - (A) Is:

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1		(i) An individual who is a descendant of the	
2		aboriginal peoples who, prior to 1778,	
3		occupied and exercised sovereignty in the	
4		Hawaiian islands, the area that now	
5		constitutes the State of Hawaii; or	
6		(ii) An individual who is one of the indigenous	,
7		native people of Hawaii and who was eligib	le
8		in 1921 for the programs authorized by the	
9		Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, or a	
10		direct lineal descendant of that individual	l;
11		(B) Has maintained a significant cultural, social, o	or
12		civic connection to the Native Hawaiian communit	ĊУ
13		and wishes to participate in the organization of	E
14		the Native Hawaiian governing entity; and	
15		(C) Is eighteen years of age or older[-]; and	
16	<u>(3)</u>	Receiving and maintaining documents that verify	
17		ancestry; cultural, social, or civic connection to the	<u>1e</u>
18		Native Hawaiian community; and age from individuals	
19		seeking to be included in the roll of qualified Nativ	<u> 7e</u>
20		Hawaiians. Notwithstanding any other law to the	
21		contrary, these verification documents shall be	
22		confidential."	

- 1 SECTION 2. Section 10H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 "[f] \$10H-4[f] Notice of qualified Native Hawaiian roll.
- 5 (a) The commission shall publish notice of the certification of
- 6 the qualified Native Hawaiian roll, update the roll as
- 7 necessary, and publish notice of the updated roll of qualified
- 8 Native Hawaiians[-]; provided that the commission shall not
- 9 publish or release any verification documents of any qualified
- 10 Native Hawaiian on the roll."
- 11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this $\frac{26}{100}$ day of $\frac{APR}{100}$, 2012

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII