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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 10H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	" §10H- Reports. The Native Hawaiian roll commission,
5	in cooperation with the office of Hawaiian affairs, shall submit
6	an annual report to the governor and the legislature no later
7	than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,
8	beginning with the regular session of 2014, on the status of the
9	preparation of a roll of qualified Native Hawaiians,
10	expenditures related to the responsibilities of the Native
11	Hawaiian roll commission, and any concerns or recommendations as
12	deemed appropriate by the Native Hawaiian roll commission."
13	SECTION 2. Section 10H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
15	"(a) There is established a five-member Native Hawaiian
16	roll commission within the office of Hawaiian affairs for
17	administrative purposes only. The Native Hawaiian roll
18	commission shall be responsible for:
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1	(1)	Preparing	and maintaining a <u>confidential</u> roll of
2		qualified	Native Hawaiians;
3	(2)	Certifyin	g that the individuals on the roll of
4		qualified	Native Hawaiians meet the definition of
5		qualified	Native Hawaiians. For purposes of
6		establish	ing the roll, a "qualified Native Hawaiian"
7		means an	individual [who] <u>whom</u> the commission
8		determine	s has satisfied the following criteria and
9		who makes	a written statement certifying that the
10		individua	1:
11		(A) Is:	
12		(i)	An individual who is a descendant of the
13			aboriginal peoples who, prior to 1778,
14			occupied and exercised sovereignty in the
15			Hawaiian islands, the area that now
16			constitutes the State of Hawaii; [or]
17		(ii)	An individual who is one of the indigenous,
18			native people of Hawaii and who was eligible
19			in 1921 for the programs authorized by the
20			Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, or a
21			direct lineal descendant of that individual;
22			or

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1	<u>(iii</u>) An individual who meets the ancestry
2		requirements of Kamehameha Schools or of the
3		Hawaiian registry program of the office of
4		Hawaiian affairs;
5	(B) Ha	s maintained a significant cultural, social, or
6	ci	vic connection to the Native Hawaiian community
7	an	d wishes to participate in the organization of
8	th	e Native Hawaiian governing entity; and
9	(C) Is	eighteen years of age or older; and
10	(3) Receivi	ng and maintaining documents that verify
11	ancestr	y; cultural, social, or civic connection to the
12	Native 3	Hawaiian community; and age from individuals
13	seeking	to be included in the roll of qualified Native
14	Hawaiia	ns. Notwithstanding any other law to the
15	contrar	y, these verification documents shall be
16	confide	ntial."
17	SECTION 3.	Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, is
18	amended by repeal	ing section 3.
19	[" SECTION 3.	The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920,
20	shall be amended,	subject to approval by the United States
21	Congress, if nece	ssary, to accomplish the purposes set forth in
22	this Act in a man	ner that is expeditious, timely, and consistent
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1	with the current needs and requirements of the Native Hawaiian
2	people and the current beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes
3	Commission Act, 1920."]
4	SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
6	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2100.

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Report Title:

Native Hawaiians; Recognition; Native Hawaiian Roll Commission

Description:

Requires annual reports from the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission. Amends the definition of "qualified Native Hawaiian" to include individuals who meet certain expanded ancestry requirements. Repeals directive to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Effective January 1, 2100. (HB252 HD2)

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