
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certain native
2 Hawaiians who are eligible for a lease pursuant to the Hawaiian
3 Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, have acquired a lease,
4 sold or transferred their interest in the lease, and then placed
5 their name on the waitlist for a second lease of Hawaiian home
6 lands. This has contributed to many otherwise eligible native
7 Hawaiians never receiving a lease offer.

8 The legislature believes that a department of Hawaiian home
9 lands beneficiary should be able to enter the Hawaiian Homes
10 Commission Act program with a reasonable expectation of
11 eventually receiving a lease.

12 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit lessees who sell or
13 transfer their interest in a Hawaiian home lands tract from
14 being placed on the waiting list maintained by the department of
15 Hawaiian home lands for an additional lease.



1 SECTION 2. Section 207, of the Hawaiian Homes Commission
2 Act, 1920, as amended, is amended by amending subsection (a) to
3 read as follows:

4 "(a) The department is authorized to lease to native
5 Hawaiians the right to the use and occupancy of a tract or
6 tracts of Hawaiian home lands within the following acreage
7 limits per each lessee: (1) not more than forty acres of
8 agriculture lands or lands used for aquaculture purposes; or (2)
9 not more than one hundred acres of irrigated pastoral lands and
10 not more than one thousand acres of other pastoral lands; or (3)
11 not more than one acre of any class of land to be used as a
12 residence lot; provided that in the case of any existing lease
13 of a farm lot in the Kalanianaʻole Settlement on Molokai, a
14 residence lot may exceed one acre but shall not exceed four
15 acres in area, the location of such area to be selected by the
16 department; provided further that a lease granted to any lessee
17 may include two detached farm lots or aquaculture lots, as the
18 case may be, located on the same island and within a reasonable
19 distance of each other, one of which, to be designated by the
20 department, shall be occupied by the lessee as the lessee's
21 home, the gross acreage of both lots not to exceed the maximum



1 acreage of an agricultural, pastoral, or aquacultural lot, as
2 the case may be, as provided in this section. If the lessee
3 sells or transfers the lessee's interest in a lease for any
4 class of land, even in a manner otherwise authorized by this
5 Act, the lessee shall be ineligible to receive a subsequent
6 lease for the same class of land, except if:

7 (1) The lease is acquired pursuant to section 209;

8 (2) The only prior lease interest held by the lessee was
9 an interest held with co-lessees; or

10 (3) There is another circumstance qualifying as an
11 exception set forth in administrative rules.

12 A beneficiary may acquire a lease under any one of the foregoing
13 exceptions only once."

14 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
16 begun before its effective date.

17 SECTION 4. The provisions of the amendments made by this
18 Act to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, are
19 declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause,
20 or phrase, or the application thereof to any person or
21 circumstances is held ineffective because there is a requirement



1 of having the consent of the United States to take effect, then
2 that portion only shall take effect upon the granting of consent
3 by the United States and effectiveness of the remainder of these
4 amendments or the application thereof shall not be affected.

5 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
7 the governor of the State of Hawaii with the consent of the
8 United States Congress.



Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Lessees; Waitlists

Description:

Makes any person who sells or transfers an interest in a Hawaiian home lands lease ineligible to receive a subsequent lease for the same class of land except in limited circumstances. (HB2464 HD1)

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