THE SENATE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. <sup>695</sup> S.D. 2

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## 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 while basic 2 department of Hawaiian home lands applicant waiting lists are 3 available for download on the department's website, the exact 4 details of each applicant, including whether the person has 5 applied for multiple leases, been denied a prior lease, or been 6 skipped over, are not readily accessible, even for department staff. Beneficiary records of the department of Hawaiian home 7 8 lands are spread across multiple locations. If a beneficiary 9 seeks to determine his or her status, finding and gathering that 10 information can take weeks. This lack of organization has led 11 to some lessees abusing the program by selling or transferring 12 their leases and reapplying for a subsequent lease.

13 The legislature further finds that compiling applicant 14 information into a single database will help increase the 15 efficiency of the department of Hawaiian home lands and reduce 16 lease award abuse by lessees.

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The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
Hawaiian home lands to digitize its beneficiary waiting lists
and other related data.

4 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands, with the 5 assistance of the office of enterprise technology services, 6 shall create a digital database of its applicant, beneficiary, 7 and lessee records. The database shall contain relevant 8 information on each individual's homestead lease application 9 status, number of applications, address, number of denied 10 leases, designated successors, history of obtaining leases as an 11 applicant or as a successor, and other information as determined 12 by the Hawaiian homes commission.

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



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#### Report Title:

DHHL; Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; Beneficiary List; Database

#### Description:

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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